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SIR JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON, L.L.D, F.R.S, F.G.S, C.M.G

We, the Council, and Members of the NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY of MONTREAL, take advantage of the occasion of the uncovering of this PORTRAIT of yourself, with which we seek to adorn our walls, to acknowledge the obligations under which you have laid our Society in particular, as well as our appreciation of the distinguished services which you have rendered to science in general.

It is now thirty-four years since your name was first enrolled as a member of this Society, and from that date till now, you have laboured assiduously to promote its objects. No fewer than twenty times have you by the suffrages of the members been elected to the Presidency, the highest office in their gift, - although they have felt that you have done greater honour to the Society, than the Society could confer upon you in accepting this office at their hands, - while you have been no less active in working in the interests of the Society when not occupying the Presidential Chair.

We gratefully recognize the spirit of the true Scientist in the readiness which you have ever shown to devote time and energy to furthering the aims of the Society, when the pressing nature of your important professional duties might well have been pleaded as an excuse for declining to charge yourself

with the responsibilities in connection with our humble undertakings. We desire to put on record also our sense of the geniality which has always marked your intercourse with the members of the Society, and of the kindness and encouragement you have shown to young workers in the domain of Natural History. Then you have striven to foster a taste for the study of Nature in the community generally by your numerous popular lectures on scientific subjects, while in the many original papers which you have read before the Society, and which have gone to enrich the columns of its journals, you have pointed out the way by which the student of special branches of science may become expert.

We recognize in you a foremost authority in the science of Geology, and are proud to have our names associated even in this way with one whose discovery of the "Eozoon Canadense" made a revolution in the data on which that science rests, not to mention numerous other important discoveries which you have made.

We have rejoiced in the appreciation of your scientific attainments and achievements, evinced not less in your elevation, by the vote of brother Scientists, to the Presidency successively of the American Association for the advancement of Science and of the British Association for the same object, the highest position attainable by a man of science, then in your being enrolled by our beloved Sovereign

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