

Martineau
Edgbaston

Dec. 30 1889.

My dear Sir William,

The post has safely
brought me your papers on
Fossil Plants & Spores with the
little inscription of Christmas
Greetings from the Author. Let
me thank you heartily for all
the papers I shall read with
great interest, and the Greetings
heartily reciprocate. And I am
sure my wife desires to join
in best wishes for the New Year

for yourself & Lady Dawson
Lady Martineau will
be writing to Miss Dawson
in reply to her letter, which
contained her all important
news. We were most heartily
glad to receive the letter &
offer to all of you, our sincere
congratulations. We shall be
very glad to think of her as
settling in England. Hope we
may have an opportunity
of seeing her before long.

Lady Dawson may be
interested to hear that I

Have just become a Grandfather
My son's first baby (a boy) having
been born a fortnight ago. All
is going on well, & the little
fellow is very welcome to a
large circle of relations.

I was asked to write a
paper for the Economic Socy of
the British Assocⁿ on the
working of a Wages Board in
the Don District, of which I
am President; but I was so
much occupied that I could
not undertake it, & in fact,
could not attend the Assocⁿ
meeting at all. I think they

subject was taken up by Dr
Spencer Watson, of Newcastle,
who holds a position similar to
mine. Labour questions are
requiring a great deal of attention
in England at the present time
as you will no doubt have
seen from the newspapers. It is
a natural result, I suppose, of
the revival of trade which has
been general in this country
during the past year.

Believe me, dear Sir William

Sincerely yours
Thos. Martineau

Sir William Dawson