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Dear Sir William Dawson

I am sorry to say that
your son Mr Dawson is not one
of the 'selects' for the R. S. this
year. Only one geologist has
been chosen and to my regret
he is not that one - I may
however tell you that he
was (I have heard) one of
the three from whom the
final choice was made

to that I think there cannot
be any doubt that he will
be elected very soon - probably
next year - if they take two
I should say certainly - No
doubt a man working in India
has a little advantage, how-
ever, the electors may try
to hold the scales, over one
on the other, simply because
he and his work are both
better known -

I have nothing worth noting
to tell you - I have been since

my return from Italy last November,
very busy, having my time
fully occupied with writing, lecturing,
and not seldom preaching -
so that I have had little time
for private scientific work. But
my Alpine paper has been read
and passed through the press
and to hope some people will
like it! It will be a hard
matter for some Germans to
digest - I have one or two
other papers in hand, but that
make no real way till
summer -

I have had rather a melancholy re-
marks - Death has been long among
friends and I lost a much loved
Brother about seven weeks since after
a long and sad illness - cancer in
the neck - the end was more rapid
than had been expected - I
trust you and all yours continue
well and that everything goes
pleasantly in Montreal -

Please give my kind remembrance
to your family circle and Dr
Harrington - My sister returns
from the country tomorrow and
she would join with me

Yours sincerely

W. Bonney