

P.S. It shall remain here two weeks longer, when I have my returns for 4 or 5 mo of the year. - I should be very much gratified if you would send me your photograph & the Doct's to place in my album of scientific friends I have. Sir M. Logan's



~~Dear Sir~~  
Letting Sea  
Sept 28

Long Branch  
N.J.  
Sep 30 '81

Dear Mrs Dawson

Your very kind letter would have been acknowledged long since but from various circumstances which it is not necessary to detail. Your mentioning the name of a dear friend of yours touched a cord which vibrated deeply with me. Dr Sigby I knew before, probably, you were born. He came to this country from Canada about 1825, I think, & spent the winter in Philadelphia. His studies in geology were

similar with my own, & of course  
we were friends. On his return  
to England we had correspond~~ence~~  
for some time when it ceased on  
his part. I believe then for 20  
years I did not hear from him.

Thinking he had departed for a  
better world, you may judge my  
surprise on receiving a letter from  
<sup>him</sup> reminding me of our former friend-  
ship, & stating that he ~~had~~ had  
left Sierra in order <sup>to</sup> practice me-  
dicine for a living, which having  
obtained, he returned to his first  
love after 20 years. Thus was a new  
renewal of our former friendship

established. He send me his  
Thesaurus & I, of course, sent  
him my papers on the Unionidae &c.  
How odd it seem to me that  
you should have known my  
distinguished friend, & how pleased  
I am that we can both look back  
upon his scientific career with  
the same admiration.

The Scientific Meeting at  
Cincinnati was very successful. I  
hope that at Montreal, under  
the Presidency ~~with~~ of Dr. Dawson,  
will be equally so. If I were not  
so old - what can a man do in his 90<sup>th</sup>  
year? - certainly I would be along side  
of you & Dr. Dawson on so important  
occasion. Mrs Chase this week has

gone to Wellesley College to her  
friends there. If she was present  
she certainly would ~~write~~ have a  
kind message for you & Dr. Dawson.  
My daughter who had not the pleasure  
to see when you made so pleasant  
a visit to us, being unwell, requests  
her kinds regards.

Present my kind regards to  
Dr. Dawson, & believe me few  
things would give more pleasure  
than seeing you both in Philad.  
again.

Truly & sincerely  
Your friend &c  
Mrs M. F. Dawson Isaac Lea

P.S. I still engage in seeking the vari-  
ous inclusions in Minerals & making drawings,  
but have ceased publishing. If Dr. D. has  
any Decarts from Luebbe I should be obliged  
by a few specimens for Microscopical examination.