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# Geological Survey of Canada,

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To Lady Dawson.

The members of the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada, having learned with deep regret of the death of Sir William Dawson, desire to extend to you and your family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement.

The loss that you have sustained must be regarded not only as a personal one but as one that is shared by the whole community. In addition to his many successful labours for the promotion of education Sir William has been identified with the inception and continued progress of geological science in Canada. As a pioneer of geology in his native province, his name will be associated with the names of Lyell, Gesner and Logan. In later years, his "Acadian Geology," his monographs on the Palaeozoic plants of the eastern and on the Cretaceous and Tertiary plants of the western portions of the Dominion, his memoirs on the Carboniferous Microsauria and on the fauna and flora of the Canadian Post-Pliocene and other important contributions to geological literature have earned for him an enviable and world-wide scientific reputation.



Sir William's association with this Survey has extended over nearly half a century, during which time he was ever ready to give its members the benefit of his knowledge, experience and counsel, and, in common with all geologists, they will feel his loss very keenly.

They sincerely hope that Providence, which has closed a career so full of achievement, will extend to you and your family all needed comfort and consolation.

Signed on behalf of the members  
of the staff:-

J. F. Whiteaves.