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Dear George,

I think I never
 turned to you that I had
 resigned my membership of
 the American Committee of the
 International Congress of Geologists,
 my reasons being that I could
 not attend meetings and that
 the proceedings of the Congress
 seemed to me impractical and
 useless. There is now the
 only representative of Canada,
 and Greece they are to
 meet in April to make
 some representation as the
 clarification of American
 formations. I have no doubt
 that so far as Canada is
 concerned they will make

a map of it, and it seems
 to me that among us we
 do half of the continent
 and portions of it different
 in structure from those of
 the U. States, we should
 act independently not only of
 the American committee but
 of the European congress. Why
 should we not place
 ourselves in correspondence
 with Egypt, India, Australia
 & Spain & Persia and
 have our own nomenclature
 and classification suitable
 to our own language and
 to our own wants. The

Americans & the better part
of them would come in
to this and it is quite
wiser to attempt any
harmony of nomenclature
with Germany and France,
if so the Geol Survey
& the Royal Society should
take the lead in the
matter before the Congress
to meet in London in 1888.

With you would
I find delay as to his
ideas in the matter
and as to whether the
Survey or the R.S. should
name in the matter
and we can speak of it
when you come home.

Have you a spare copy
of your Railroad Guide
pamphlet prepared for
your Manufacture? If so,
I shall be glad to have
one, my copy having
disappeared.

Another question — What
is the direction of drift
strata & drift movement
in the Hudson's Bay Region
Does it show anything of
the northward tendency ob-
served farther south, with?
Perhaps you could refer
me to some report on this.

We shall hope to see
you in Oct of you are not coming
in the Carnival week.
Ever yours
G. M. Dawson