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for her to undertake a long
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desire to remain with Mrs
Eliot during her recovery, I have
found my daily work more
pressing than usual this year,
and on that account felt
obliged to decline the courteous
invitation of your graduates.

With many thanks for your
friendly urgency, I am

Very truly yours

Charles W. Eliot

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