

Stony Mountain, May 20. 1882

My dear G. Dawson:

Your favor of the 18th
inst. is at hand. I was very
sorry to miss your visit to
Stony Mountain, and hastened home
Friday evening hoping that you
would remain through the
week, but found to my
disappointment you had
already left town.

The invitation from yourself
and Mrs. Dawson is most
tempting, and under ordinary
circumstances it would give us
great pleasure to accept, but
I have found at the meetings
of the Association there is so
much work to be done by
the Standing Committee, at very
late hours, and there are so
many people, who must be seen,
at the Hotel, which is the headquarters

of the Secretary, that although
much less agreeable, I think
it perhaps will be more
convenient for me to be at
the Windsor where I had
already planned to go with
Professor Putnam. I am
sure you will understand
that in declining your kind
hospitality it is none the less
appreciated by both Mrs. Gould
and myself.

It is possible that I shall
be unable to remain more
than the first 2 or 3 days of
the session, as the Executor
of Mr. Sheffield's estate, in
which our institution is largely
interested, now proposes to make
a settlement near the end
of August which will
necessitate my being in
New Haven at that time.

There seems now to

be every prospect that the
Boatman's meeting will be
largely attended - everyone
I meet is quite enthusiastic
over the abstracts which
Gene City offers and I have
no doubt the meeting will
be among the largest and
most successful we have ever
held.

Mrs. Smith writes with love
in my kind remembrance.

to you and your family, and
again thanking you for your very
friendly letter believe me

Truly yours

H. J. French

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