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Dear Sir:

As you are probably informed, the "American Forestry Congress" organized at Cincinnati in April last, adjourned to meet at Montreal on the 21st and 22^d of August next. This was done to accommodate many persons who might desire to attend both ^{our} meeting, and that of the A. A. F. S. Already many of those belonging to our society ("A. F. C.") were members or fellows of the older one, and probably some might wish to join both, who now only belong to one. It is further possible that both might find it for their interest to cooperate hereafter—but of that I have no authority to speak—and in fact I have given it no thought.

There was not the slightest intention of interference, and so far as I am concerned, there was no knowledge that a branch devoted to Agricultural Science, was to meet at Montreal, on the two days we had chosen.

To further avoid appearances of interference, we will have our headquarters at Saint Lawrence Hall, and arrangement as to rooms, will be such as must be satisfactory to all parties. We shall promise no excursions or entertainments, and our object will simply be to meet for the reading and discussion of papers.

I have written to Mr. Putnam, asking him if he is willing to place a notice of the fact of time and place of our meeting, on the circulars that may hereafter be issued relating to the Montreal Session. If there is any impropriety in this, I will not urge it.

I have said to him also, that if a good Calcium-light camera could be secured, I would come provided with a series

of objects illustrating Wood-structure, and a paper to
be read before the A. A. A. S. at some evening session,
if the opportunity presented. I do not wish to urge
this matter, but simply mention it for such thought
as it may claim.

Mr. William Little, has been here to consult upon the
details of our plans, and will be able to speak for
the Forestry Congress in all matters that concern it.
We wish above all, to have our arrangements so made,
as not in the least to interfere with those that we
recognize as having prior claims of earlier appointments,
and therefore of greater right. In short, we wish that
the result will be such, that all persons concerned, will
be able to recall the occasion in both societies, with
unqualified satisfaction.

Very Truly Yours

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