

Shelburne 15 August 1882

My dear Dr Dawson.

Since I must give
up my anticipations of a
pleasant week in Montreal
to attend the Forestry gathering
and the Scientific Association.
Day by day I have matters
which require attention on the
spot. My wife is unfortunately
too ill to be able to accept your
and Mrs. Dawson's kind
invitation to the reception in the
Ridgeway Museum. She is
still lying at the Boardman's
to move under Dr. Howard's care.

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I have carefully examined
Dr. Church's work, and some
of it is very good, but I think
some will require great modification.
I have written him that I
hope to be able to call on him some
time at his Office when I will
explain my difficulties and
let him in turn criticize my attempts
at legislation. We do not intend
to trouble you further in the
matter until we have the drafts
pretty well in shape. You will know
the value of your time just now.
It may be satisfactory to you to feel
that the matter is not neglected.
With kind regards to Mr. Dawson
Believe me Very truly yours
J. M. McKim