

^{Spelling}
Blendon Cottage
Bexley. Kent.

Sept. 3. 1886

Dear Sir William

Some one, a kind un-
known friend, has sent me
a copy of your Presidential
address at this year's meeting
of the British Association.
I need not say I had read it
before, with the deepest in-
terest in The Times, & other
papers. But I am doubly

pleased to possess it; as
it would require studying
in full, & at leisure.

I see, also, that you alluded
to my beloved husband,
the late President of the
Royal Society, in kindly
terms amongst others.
all you named, I may say,
were amongst our friends
& his fellow workers in
Science & he did work
for the British Association
as well ^{as} for his much loved

Royal Society.

Forgive my writing you
all this. I want to
ask whether I may
receive you, sitting here,
in a sweet small house
I have taken for my 2
sons & myself for the
Summer, or in my
own house 41. Grosvenor
Place London, before you
return to Canada?

It would be a very great
pleasure to see you, & my
eldest boy was so hospitably
received at Montreal & Rocky-
where for his father's sake
first; (2^d venture to hope for his
own after) that we should be
proud to receive any Canadian,
now in England.

I remain, dear Sir William,

Y^r truly

J. G. Pottiswood.

I feel sure you will not
be offended at my writing
to you as if I knew you -
we are quite dear & near & would give
you a warm welcome.