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My dear Sir William,

Your letter of May 30th reached me this evening, and I must confess to a feeling of considerable disappointment upon the perusal of its contents - Of course I had really no reason, after what you had written and said, to regard my change of position as anything more than a bare possibility, but I could not keep my mind from dwelling even upon that possibility with pleasurable anticipations - The more so as the suggested plan seemed to promise, what I have so long desired, a limitation in my field of work

and a closer association with fellow-laborers in that field. And of all possible changes I think that there is none which would have been more agreeable to me, in every way, than that to which I refer, the subjects to be taught being those in which I am more especially interested, while I feel sure that I should have always had the benefit of your friendly counsel and great and varied experience. But, as you say we cannot always have what we want in this world, and if I am disappointed you must be quite as much so in failing to obtain that entire freedom from the work of teaching which you so much need for the prosecution of other labours, and ^{a little too} which you have so abundantly earned. For myself I can only

Thank you once more for your kind
thought of me in the matter, and
trust that should circumstances
more favorable to the carrying out of
your wishes arise, you will again
extend to me your favorable con-
sideration -

Please give to Lady Dawson and
the other members of your family my
kind regards, and believe me

very sincerely yours
L. N. Bailey

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