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My dear Sir William,

I was greatly pleased on receiving your kind and ever welcome note and all the more so because you have been in my mind almost constantly for the last fortnight. I had intended writing you to mark my appreciation of the noble and unassailable stand you took in the Manitoba School question. I have just this moment heard that the government has been sustained on that question and I make no doubt your letter has done much to secure that end. Whatever we may think of the government there can be no doubt it seems to me on the justice of the stand it has taken on this question. In regard to Mr James Thomson

the condition of things is very sad. He has been laid
aside for some time. He is now entirely con-
fined to his bedroom and is perfectly speech-
less. He can neither walk nor speak. It is
paralysis which has been coming on for
some time. In the circumstances I
took the note and the book out to him
the same day. I had hoped to see him
but could not. I shall be able to get
the book on some other occasion. I need
not think of retaining it - even for a
day or two in the circumstances. I do not
see that we have any reason to believe
that "Eden lost & won" will be your last book
so far as Gladstone he is a much older
man than you are and he is writing
still I am informed. Kind regards
Shady Dawson and best wishes for
your highest welfare.

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Ever sincerely yours
Robert Spring

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