

Anna Gale
late Mrs Hunt.

My dear Mrs Dawson

I thank you,

very much indeed, for your most kind invitation, to dinner tonight; — and I regret, extremely, that I shall not be able to accept it. — It is my misfortune, in every sense of the word; — but I have, today, simply no end of things to do, and a specially important letter to write to Quebec, about final arrangements, which must be done today, and what with all the worry, and confusion, I am nearly distracted, and I

only hope, you will excuse the
results of this, in the shaking
hand of this poor note! — At
any other time, I need not say
what extreme pleasure it would
have given me, to have accepted
your most kind invitation. —

— As for the charming gifts, from
yourself and Dr. Danson, and
the yet more charming, note
which accompanied them, I
really do not know, what to
say about them! — I will only
say, in passing, that if you had
tried your Best, you could
scarcely have fixed, upon
anything, which would have
given me more pleasure! — I
have always wished to possess
yours and Dr. Danson's por-
traits, together. — Miss Mary
Aunt will be most happy

To accept your invitation to dinner tonight, and
with renewed thanks for your most appropriate
gift, love to yourself, and kindest regards to Dr.

Danvers, I remain as always

Very sincerely, yours
Anne P. Cole

33, Durocher Street

Friday morning.