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My dear Sir William.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your last favour and the kind invitation to read a paper before the Nat. Hist. Soc. of Montreal. Here enclosed please find my MS. of "Note on a collection of Utica fossils from Murray Bay etc." for the Can. Rec. of Science. If you deem it worth my while to go down to read this note I shall be happy to do so & if you should desire some other subject such as my haemeyed(?) old Utica formation I may possibly give you some few new facts regarding that very interesting series of rocks.

In this connection I may say that I have a fine sponge which may prove to be a new genus; I would wish you to see it & if I go down I shall be happy to get your opinion regarding the same. I have the honour to remain
My dear Sir
your respectfully,
Henry M. Smith

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My dear Sir William.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. and the kind invitation to read a paper before the Soc. Nat. Hist. of Montreal. I am pleased to hear from you that you are engaged in a collection of "Notes on a collection of other fossils from 'Murray Bay'".

For the time being, I am sorry to say that it is not possible for me to read your paper at the time you propose. I shall be happy to do so if you should desire some other subject such as my "Lectures on the formation of our fossils" or your own paper on the relationship between the two series of rocks.

In this connection, I may say that I have a fine charge which may prove to be a new genus; I would wish you to see it if you have a chance. I shall be happy to get your opinion regarding the same. I have the pleasure to hear from you that you are engaged in a collection of "Notes on a collection of other fossils from 'Murray Bay'".

Yours truly,
Alfred R. C. Selwyn