

Baltimore 24<sup>th</sup> April 1897

My dear J<sup>r</sup>. Dawson

Let me thank you  
heartily for your kind letter re-  
ceived last evening. It would  
be a great pleasure to me if  
I could accept your invitation  
to visit Ottawa. Unfortunately  
my stay in the States cannot  
be prolonged beyond four weeks  
for I must sail back on 15<sup>th</sup>  
May and every hour of the time  
left then is filled up. I would  
like to come back another time  
and land in Canada rather than  
in the U.S. so as to see at

liisure your old rocks, and  
still more to see you at  
your post and to make the  
acquaintance of your staff.

I am looking forward with  
much interest to making per-  
-sonal acquaintance with Prof  
Adams. He is going to join,  
I think, in the Maryland ex-  
-cursion next week, so that I  
shall have an opportunity of  
seeing something of him.

Had it not been for the  
Geological Congress in the Autumn  
I would probably come over



again to attend the B. A.  
meeting in Toronto. But I am  
bound to be at the Congress  
and when there I propose  
to take part in the Excursions.

Again thanking you for  
your friendly invitation and  
assuring you of my sincere  
regret that I cannot accept  
it, I am

Yours very truly  
Wm G. Peck

