



**THE GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL.**

**DRAKE, PARKER & CO., PROPRIETORS.**

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Dear Sir William Dawson

I am sorry for not having replied to your kind note from Syracuse earlier but the last few days have not only been full of uncertainty but also of occupation. On Tuesday my wife made her first move into a town miles distant from the scene of your imprisonment & yesterday she came on here - Tonight we propose leaving for Niagara & then for Northfield Monday or Tuesday - I fear it will be hopeless to think of <sup>my</sup> getting to Montreal for if I can get away <sup>in time</sup> I must be in Toronto next week - at Harward on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> for a week. after which I believe I am to proceed South - it is a matter of sincere regret I can assure you for both my wife & self had looked forward to our visit with Lady Dawson & yourself with great anticipation.

pleasure - So far I am glad to say my wife has  
stood the travelling wonderfully & seems little or none  
the worse for the journeying & I trust we shall be able  
to reach our American home early in next week.  
My wife joins me in kindest regards to Lady Dawson  
& yourself.

Yours sincerely,

J. E. H. Stodd.