

Cottley  
Roxbury, Boston, Mass <sup>13</sup>

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1886

To Sir Wm Dawson,

Dear Sir,

Yours

Of June 25<sup>th</sup> is before me -

You can have Mondays & Thursdays, beginning Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> or Tuesdays & Fridays beginning Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - until which times all

the lecture evenings are engaged -

If you cannot come Dec 21<sup>st</sup> you can have, as you suggest, three weeks from Dec 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - Unless I hear to the contrary, I will con-

sider that time yours - & if you can take four weeks beginning Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, you can have that week for it will not be otherwise occupied on Tuesday & Friday evenings

Mr. Lowell is very unwilling to have any lecturer give three lectures in a week - It has been

tried but led to many objections  
that I have heard him say that  
it should never occur again -

Perhaps, however, you may be  
able to give the fourth week -  
At any rate, I will hold one in  
reserve until you say absolutely  
that you cannot give so long  
a time -

Awaiting your answer I  
remain

resptly yr. ob. servt -  
B. E. Cotting -

And thus I believe  
Apr, Dec 24  
a 6 byms Dec 28  
will suit me  
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