

MILNE GRADEN,  
COLDSTREAM.

3 Sept 1886

My Dear Sir William Dawson

When you were last in Scotland, I had the honour & pleasure of presiding at a lecture in Edinburgh where you delivered an address, which was greatly thought of. Though it may not be my fate again to have a similar honour, it would still afford me great pleasure to do you if you should visit Scotland again.

My residence here is about 3 hours journey from Edinburgh and it would give me an

MILNE HOME  
COLDSTREAN  
much pleasure  
My daughters, to have a visit from  
you here, any time after next  
week would suit us.

I had a bad illness, <sup>last summer</sup> occasioned  
by a blocked vein in the head,  
and have not entirely recovered  
the effects of it yet, so that I am  
unable to attend public Meetings,  
but enjoy seeing my friends at my  
own house.

Excuse mistakes; for though I can  
write, I cannot read and have to  
consult one of my daughters, so that  
it is intelligible - Yours very truly  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Milne Home

Melrose  
Sept/86