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Elliot's

Campton Village, N.H.

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My dear William

Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> has only now reached me here, in my retreat among the White Mountains, where I am diligently devoting a brief holiday to thorough idling.

You give a most fascinating account of the pleasant gathering of daughters, and their joyous infancy at the paternal summer-home at Actis; as well as of your own diligent use of holiday leisure, in which you put me to shame. I had a letter

from Rev. Dr. Jackson this week,  
from which it appears that  
Judge Macdonald cannot  
preside at the Wednesday  
Meeting of the Evangelical  
Alliance, owing to its special  
antagonistic R. C. theme.

Various special duties of  
that day made it peculiarly  
inconvenient for me to be  
absent from Toronto then,  
but also, — with an affiliated  
R. C. College of our own here,  
it would not be wise in  
me to appear as the leader of  
the assault on them; for  
by driving them off from  
affiliation, I should really  
be playing into the hands  
of the Jesuits, who are



indignant at the more liberal among them helping us in sustaining an unsectarian National scheme of Higher Education.

Under any circumstances I should have had to leave Toronto by the Wednesday night train, and return again the following night. So, as the arrangement has proved impracticable, I shall be glad to learn that a chairman has been found, — as indeed can be no difficult matter, — for your Thursday meeting. Oct. is at any time a month when I am peculiarly pressed with duties; as your own experience will confirm. But this year we have some serious litigation on hand; and Thursday

is the regular day of meeting  
for our Board of Trustees;  
which can scarcely get on  
without my being present.  
So my visit to Montreal  
must be delayed till some  
more convenient season.

Sybil sends kind love  
to Lady Dawson. She greatly  
enjoyed her last visit to her,  
and will be very happy to  
renew it when circumstances  
pavon the acceptance of  
her hospitable urgency.  
But I have just moved to  
a new house; and as soon  
as we get back to Toronto  
Sybil will be preoccupied  
with new carpets and endless  
other domestic mysteries beyond  
Your comprehension or mine.  
Yours faithfully  
Wm. Weston