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**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

REUBEN G. THWAITES, Secretary.  
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*Madison*, Nov. 25, 1892. 188

(Dictated.)

Sir William Dawson,

Montreal, Canada.

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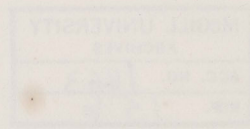
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I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

*Reuben G. Thwaites*

Secretary.



Best Love  
Wm. W. Brown  
May 98

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REUBEN G. THWAITES, *Secretary*; or,  
DANIEL S. DURRIE, *Librarian*.

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