

Stratford Vt. Oct. 4th 1884

My dear Sir:

Your favor of to-day came to hand this evening. I note what you say about addressing a meeting of the Educators of the State at the Capital. The pleasure of addressing such an audience is a great temptation, but I could hardly attempt it without some preparation, and at this time I have not at my disposal scarcely a day that will not otherwise keep me employed. I must, therefore, decline your very kind suggestion.