Ladies and Gentlemen: I am happy indeed to be relieved for a few hours of the cares of Parliament and to spend them in this pleasant company on the waters on the St.

Lawrence. At Ottawa the atmosphere of the House of Commons is usually very warm, and in the middle of June this is doubly true. The atmosphere in these parts is much better and the company is much better too. At Ottawa I am compelled to look across for hours every day at the faces of a government which I am trying hard to improve, but which I find a very difficult task. Here I look on the faces of those who do not need to be improved and consequently I do not try.

Besides no one enjoys more than my wife and myself the privilege of being identified with, and helping a little, the new Church of This is especially true when it is under the presidency of M. le Cure J. D----, and when we are associated with president friends M. and Madame Monty. You may depend upon it we will enjoy the evening immensely and sincerely hope to see you all again very soon and very often.

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