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Dear Sir:-

I much appreciate your invitation contained in your letter of the 20th instant. I assure you that had it been possible for me to do so, it would have given me great pleasure to accept.

I know something of the remarkable history of Vermont, of the difficulties under which your state suffered in its early days and I think that there are many lessons to be gained from the courage and persistence of its pioneers.

It is unfortunate that I cannot be in Windsor at the time you mention. I am expecting to go to England and have even made a secondary engagement to attend a celebration at Owen Sound, in case my trip to England is cancelled. I have no option therefore but to say that it is impossible for me to accept your very flattering invitation.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.