



Nautical Almanac Office,

3, Verulam Buildings,

Gray's Inn, W.C.

27 April 1896

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. in which you inform me that you have been directed to intimate to me that the Astronomical and Physical Society of Toronto would be gratified if permitted to elect me to Honorary Membership therein, & to ascertain whether I would accept such Membership.

In reply I beg to state that I am much gratified by the Compliment which your Society has chosen to pay me, & that

I willingly accept the Honorary  
Membership. I beg that you will  
convey my thanks to the Society, &  
accept them yourself for the gratifying  
terms in which you have communicated  
your Society's proposal to me.

Yours very faithfully

A. M. Downing

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