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My dear Bowen

Discreet persons sometimes acknowledge the receipt of books and pamphlets, at once, because they do not intend to read them. That is not my motive for thanking you at this time for the book you were so kind as to leave with me the other day, because I intend to read it through, and as soon as I can find time. But my time is so occupied, that very little is left for any reading which at all requires fixed attention. When my work is over, I am usually in such a state of exhaustion as to be incapable of any thing beyond the lightest of light reading.

Geo. P. Willard

Thus it may be some time before I shall be able
to read your book with the attention which it
requires; but I shall certainly do so, and
then thank you once more, and more knowingly.

Yrs faithfully

Geo. S. Hillard