

Morley's Hotel, W.C
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Dear Major Pond,

I fear I am not metal of which great orators are made. I think I am too much of a beginner to come to America just now. I must knock in the nails somewhat harder than I have yet done. I do not feel that I care for any other work than that of writing at the present, but I am much obliged to you for your kind offer. I am sure that no-one could have steered my bark with such success as you. Accept my hearty thanks for your kind words and appreciation of my work. I shall hope to see you when it is my fate to come to America,

Faithfully yours

S.R.Crockett