

Ans^d

Montreal Feb. 26. 1871-

My dear Lesley,

I wrote you last week offering my services if you can find use for them in your Survey of Pennsylvania, provided it goes on. I have since thought you would deem me pressing or indelicate, but I trust you have understood my motive and will pardon the manner. You know how for years I have looked for an outlet from this place through which I might get back to my country. I feel that there is my home & the place where I can be most useful. nor do I choose to waste my life here. I know that once on my native soil I should find openings enough for me. but my connection with the Canada Survey has made me looked upon as one outside and not available. As I wrote you. Boston offers me some chance, but unless I could supplement it with other

work I could not go there. Had I however
something else to help me I would go there
if possible. Now I cannot help thinking
that I could make myself useful in
more ways than one in a Geol. Survey
of Penn. and so I was tempted to offer
you my services as I did. I feel as
if I had a mission to investigate the
crystalline rocks of the Appalachians.
I would like a year or two of apprenticeship
in Penn. added to my long study of
Canada & New England. Besides this
I can make myself useful in many
points of Chemistry, Mineralogy &
Economics, Metallurgy etc.

Of course I should greatly desire at the same
time a position where I could be training of
a class of young men & teaching them
many things which I can never hope to put
in books. If Phila. has a place for me
or Boston. so much the better.

We buried dear Hannah Lyman on Friday -
See by Saturday's Herald with an ac-
count of the ceremony - The Rev. Dr. Raymond
from Vassar College and Mr. Vassar him-
self came on here with the body. Jones
was with her in her last days & Mrs.
Savage too I believe. at least Dr. R. spoke
of her sister as being with her. Miss L's
last days were days of great suffering.

Her was a noble life. well filled up tho'
her days were short. She was but 54 -

I am just now engaged in some curious
chemical inquiries into the filling up of joints
in rocks. which show that the Eozoon casts
of the Laurentian limestone are by no means
isolated cases. I will soon write you
more about the matter. I remain

My dear Lesley

always faithfully Yours:

F. Stearns Hunt

Prof. J. P. Lesley -