

A school-boy letter
his biological facts were strong in his veins

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Dear old Tyros

? for Texas, giant?
"Little Annie" was very
small - physically
W.W.F.

I have just been
up to Mr Johnson to get a couple
of sheets of paper to write to that
small parcel of feminine food
called Emmette. How are you?
where are you? and what have you
been doing? I suppose you have
been idling away your time
flirting with this or some other
poor innocent mortal. How

is Mauney Muff's. That wicked
spider I suppose she will have
four times now the summer is
coming on and the flies are coming
out. I have got a good sized
Milk snake for you in a bottle
of whiskey and I will try and
get you any other snakey animal
I come across. I have splended
times with Mr Johnson out after
specimens of all sorts. I wish
you had been with us last
Tuesday down at the Peat

~~The~~ Swamp. There are such
splendid flowers down there
and the Moss is so nice and spongy
our would like to make a bed
of it. We got the smallest and
rarest variety of Ladies Slipper
or Indian Moccasin plant
I would so like you to see them
they are the most beautiful
of all Canadian wild flowers
There are none about Dundas
not being the right sort of soil
for them to grow in and if you

could only see the alga. that
green stuff that you see on ponds
and stagnant water. It is so
beautiful. The thousands upon
thousands of small animals
all alive and kicking that are
in it. We got some dirty ^{looking} brown
sluff that at this time covers
all the shores of the river and
we found that on every point
there were one hundred of the small
creatures. fancy what there would
be on a square inch and on a
square mile. But I suppose you will

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think this sort of thing rather dry
so I will stop it and turn to some-
thing perhaps nicer. We are having
such a splendid run of Cricket
Matches this term. We played
Toronto yesterday and gave them
such a thrashing you will see in
in Monday's Leader. Frank
played with the Toronto fellows
Jimmy Morgaux came out with
them to see us all. We play Jimmy
on Thursday but I am afraid

we will be badly beaten as they
bear the best Club in Toronto,
but we have such a jolly player
been a regular old Englishman
called Mr Carter, he has been out
here for about ten years working
in the backwoods, he is at
present our third Master

Now I expect I expect a good long letter
from you very soon so mind you write
and tell me all the news. Love to
Mamma, Camie, and all the rest, Miss

Perceval for me

Believe me ever your affectionate cousin
Willie