

The Cook
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My Dear Dr Dawson

Dr Guyot is pretty well
but will not be able for full work. I find
that he is not to lecture here after Christmas
and when he does lecture his on Physical
Geography. And I am most anxious to have
a short course on geology for the Junior and
Senior Classes

Can we persuade you to favor us
with such a course say five, six, or
better ten or twelve lectures on palaeontology
indeed on any of your favourite topics. We
could take any time between Sept 15th and
Christmas, you might deliver the course

before your college opens. I believe we could
take as many as four or five lectures
a week. You could give us a course of ten
lectures in a fortnight, De Quoy's diagrams
and specimens would be at your command
You might bring a few special forms and
diagrams with you. When here you might
be able to give us some valuable aid
in the School of Science we are about
to set up. Do consider ~~our~~ proposal favor-
ably and oblige the College, and bring
yourself into connection with our ~~own~~
United States Institutions.

We do not propose to remunerate you
for the lectures. We know that it would
not be easy to estimate their value in
money. But I find that I will be able
to place at your disposal \$/50 currency

In each lecture and pay all your travelling
expenses and ^{of course you live with us} ~~proprietor's~~ ^{of course}. It is proper
to add that I fear you will require to deliver
each separate lecture in your course twice,
once to the Junior and once to the Senior
Class as there will be a difficulty of bringing
two classes each of a hundred together.

I am sorry that I have been able to give
you so brief notice, but I was not sure
of Dr. Smyth's plans till I returned a few
days ago from vacation.

Our plans led our family this
year into the Lake region of the Adirondacks.
We had not such fine cool air as at
Cacouana. But we had good exercise on the
lakes.

Many thanks for your very valuable
papers in Leisure ^{Hour}. Do come to Princeton and
we will talk these matters over and
many others.

You will greatly add to the favor by bringing
Mrs Dawson and Miss Dawson with you - Mrs
W Coth sends regards and joins in requests

I have received your letter about an
Honorary Degree - I would like to converse
with you on the general subject

If you wish it I can give you a
special letter of introduction to Earl
Dufferin your new Governor

The ladies all join in regards to
you Mrs Dawson, Miss Dawson and
all the members of your family

Yours ever

James W Coth

Be
Principal Dawson

