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My dear Sir:

I am a good deal obliged to you for your testimonial, which was received yesterday. It bore on the point geology - which I hoped it would. The professorship is one of Geology and Zoology at Brown University Providence, R.I. I am not taking very vigorous measures to secure the appointment, having only asked for testimonials from yourself, & Prof. Dana & Guay, as to my geological attainments - & prefer to let the college make any advance, rather than push myself.

Principal Dana had ^{with high esteem,} ~~the~~ ^{your very truly,} ~~the~~

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