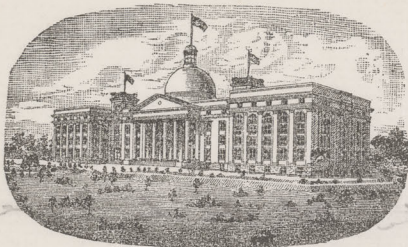


MUSEUM OF THE



Statesman Print.

University of the State of Missouri.

J. W. SPENCER, B. A. Sc., Ph. D., F. G. S.,

Professor of Geology and Mineralogy.

Columbia, Mo., April 18th 1885

My Dear Sir.

May I ask a favor of you?
I should like to take a geological trip on
the Canada Pacific Railway to the Rocky
Mountains. Could you tell me how I
can get a pass - good for a return trip
from and to Montreal during the summer?
I do not know the date that would be
convenient.

Can you let me have a copy of your
paper upon the Geol. of Egypt, and on the
Cretac. of Missouri. I enclose a little
paper.

Since I came here, I have not done
as much in geological work as I would
have wished for as the energy has been
demanded in teaching. However as
a professor I have improved, my work
being more limited, ^{the former,} and with larger
classes. I have never resorted to
being a holder of text-book work, as
really obtains in most of the American
colleges. During the three years here
I have always done the work by lectures,
but as only a few of the Professors do their

University of the State of Missouri

MUSEUM OF THE

J. W. SPENCER, B. A. Sc., Ph. D., F. G. S.

Professor of Geology and Mineralogy



work in that way, I find the students are not accustomed to depend enough upon themselves, and so I see that they do their practical work in time.

Our new museum is completed all except the cases for which we have no money. It is the front half of the right wing of the east end and consists of one floor and four galleries each 45 x 20 feet, and is well lighted. My lecture room is the best geological room except yours that I know of. There are plenty of work rooms.

From the University Collection I will be able to let you have a good collection of Up. Carb. fossils, and Cystitic rocks from Iowa. I do not require an exchange.

I am, My dear Sir,
Yours all servant
J. W. Spencer

Dr. William Dawson, B. Sc., F. G. S., etc.

The full University

Spencer
Jefferson