

Mentual 21<sup>st</sup> November 1887.

My dear Sir William Dawson.

Some time since our little  
quailed son Melbourne learned  
through his sister that it was possible  
that you might give him a trial in  
studies some subjects in natural  
history whether botanical or otherwise  
I know not. Since then he has referred  
to it and if you have any easy  
subjects on which he might try his  
skill, of which he has some, I should  
consider it a kindness to the boy who  
is confined at home and cannot attend  
school or partake in the outdoor  
occupations of vigorous lads.

Believe me  
Yours truly

W. Dawson  
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