

Spencer

Atlanta, Dec 3/89.

My Dear Sir,

Thank you  
for your letter. I think  
it likely that I will get  
the Survey. I have not  
been in Atlanta lately as  
the Governor is away.

Amongst others, Prof. Besley  
wrote a very strong letter.

The pursuance of my  
work upon the Lakes I  
owe him, as it was  
he who first pointed out  
the importance of the Lake  
work.

Through the Zoological Survey,  
the first step, at an advanced  
level of Science is to

is to be looked for. The  
Geological and Natural  
History Departments are  
unrequited and there  
is no money, and now  
that the Legislature has  
not only failed to appropriate  
but withdrawn some  
money, there is a dull  
prospect. And yet the  
Legislature was almost  
right. There appears never  
to have been a competent  
man at the head, and  
a few months ago when there  
was a change, the Board  
defeated the best man  
in the South, and made  
Chancellor a preacher  
who was never a Univ.  
professor, and squandered  
a lot of money. The Board  
was <sup>afterwards</sup> expelled by the Legisla-  
ture, reducing it from 41 to 19

Please let me know  
what are the requirements  
for Mr Geo. Dickson  
(Principal Upper Canada  
College, late of Hamilton  
Collegiate Institute) to fit  
his L. S. in Course.  
McGill gave an ad. Sum.  
M.A. about twelve years  
ago. In his position he  
is liberal towards McGill  
and has rendered his  
past services.

I understand that some-  
thing may be done ~~at~~  
with regard to a separate  
Chair of Logic at  
Toronto. Mr Dickson  
stands very close with  
the Minister of Education,  
and I hear that some  
of the Senate are using my  
name. If I get the chance

of course I would return  
to Canada, and then I could  
continue my Pleistocene  
work, which after all is  
more satisfactory to me in  
working out, than a general  
geological survey in the  
South. But my knowledge  
of Southern drift has been  
worth my residence.

Among Canadians Mr  
Lawson would be my most  
likely rival, and he will  
have the support, I suppose, of  
my old friend Dr. Bell.

However, I will keep my eye  
open for it, but in the  
mean while doing duty,  
for I really quite love Georgia.

Yours faithfully  
J. N. Spencer

Mr. Townsend has wood from  
three dove beds in which he  
found leaves.