

Hillside ^{Wes} Joak
Chateaugay Basin,
August 3rd 1871

Dr. Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I have a son of twenty years of age, brought up on our fruit-farm, and with but few advantages. He has only reached in part the second book of Euclid, and is not far advanced in Algebra. He is steady - thoughtful, and studious a great reader of history, interested in Zoology, and a keen observer. Has been a member of the Entomological Society since it started, when he was quite a child, and has a fair cabinet of insects. He is anxious to begin to study for Engineering at Mc Gill but could not be spared till the middle of October, his father being in delicate health, and our fruit-crop has to be harvested by trusty hands.

He has saved money to pay his own way, as we encourage all our children to do, and being the eldest of eleven he has his own way to make in the world.

I should like you to see him but do not think he could pass an examination for entrance on the 15th September, as he has been hard at work ^{this} summer with all books laid aside. Are there any provisions for such as he?

His grammar is good and he has a ready pen in composition - and is quick at mathematics, but has not had the opportunities. That is just how the matter stands. A few words of advice or help would add one more to ~~the~~ many obligations to you.

While writing may I ask what constitutes a member of the American Science Association?

If all is well next year I expect several friends from Boston to visit - at the time of the meeting, who are coming to attend. I shall hope to enjoy the privileges with them if possible and in some measure repay them for kindness received in that city in whatever ways lie in my power. How can I become a member?

You told me once if there was anything of interest in Chateaugay you would come and see it - and it has often occurred to me to inquire if Mr Richardson who once made researches here, ever took note of two mounds in the vicinity. One on the Peun's Island can be seen from the Lake the other is smaller, and yet - I have heard old settlers state it is very interesting, there being all through the woods near by a plainly marked stone roadway as if made by hands.

Do not I pray you think me
too intrusive. I live in a very
happy, but retired home, and while
surrounded by the best of earth's
fruits and flowers, lack somewhat
that society, and contact with
other minds that could help and
improve.

With kindest regards, believe
me respectfully yours.

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Chatanquay, Basin.
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Could I be favored with a College
Calendar please,