

University of Va
Aug 19th 1878

My dear Sir

At the request
of Dr W C Randolph a
Member of the Executive Committee
of the Board of Visitors of the
University of Virginia I
write to make the announce-
ment that a Chair of Natu-
ral History just founded in the
University with the emoluments
of \$3000 and a dwelling (a two
rent of \$ a dwelling (\$300) with
the right of regular succession
in the order of seniority to a
dwelling on the University grounds)
will be filled by election on
the 12th of September - In Connection
with this Professorship there is
an excellent Museum of Mine-
ralogy and Geology, Zoology & Botany

the gift of the late Lewis
Brooks Esq of Rochester New
York consisting (the building
and collections) about \$85,000.
The object of making this
announcement is to ask
your advice & suggestion.
And my apology will be
found I hope in the interest
which you are so well known
to take in the promotion
of the love of this beautiful
study and in my earnest
desire that the Board
may secure the best man
for the position whether
from the U. States, Canada
or England. My only regret
is that the emoluments of
the position are not large
enough to challenge the
services (and I say it without

flattery) of a Professor of the
reputation of Professor Dawson.

If you can see your way
clear to help us in this
matter please address
Rector A. A. Stewart of the
University of Virginia, in an
envelope addressed to Dr
W. C. W. Randolph Charlottesville
Virginia. The Rector
does not reside in Charlottesville
& Dr R will take charge of the
letter. Should you desire
to know ~~anything~~ more
fully the condition of the
University, and the nature
of these appointments I will
with great pleasure answer
definitely your inquiries.

With great respect

Yours very truly

Prof. Dawson
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Wm S. Venable

Prof. Math. U of Va

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Inquiries

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