

Vassar College, Jan. 20/69

My dear Sir,

Your favor of 19th inst. should have been earlier acknowledged but for a pressure of engrossing & unpostponable duties.

I regret that our Committee should have been too late with their invitation, and have no doubt they will renew it for the earliest time at wh. they may hope to secure its acceptance. We are in def'n until after the middle of June, and our "lecture season" is equally long. The Comm^{ee} will be together on the 5th of February, after which you will probably hear from them again.

W^hat, I suspect, is more at home at Cornell than he would have been among our young women.

We are in correspondence now with
Rev. James Orton, of Rochester, N.Y.,
who conducted an expedition over the
Andes & down the Amazon, a year or
two since, under the auspices of the
Smithsonian Instn. Though a
clergyman (Congregational), he is
an enthusiastic & accomplished
naturalist, & has determined to
devote himself to the cultivation and
teaching of his favorite sciences.
He is ~~under appointment by~~ ^{offered professorships at}
two Western Colleges, but I
think he will give Vassar the
preference.

Make my respectful
remembrances acceptable to
Mrs Dawson, & believe me, Sir,
Very truly yours

J. H. Raymond
Princ. Dawson

Newbury
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