

Amherst College.
March 26/70

Dr. Dawson.

Respected Sir

Will you please allow me
in a sort of a semi-official
capacity to make some inquiries
which I hope you will not
regard as impertinent if
you cannot coincide with
the wishes expressed. We are
in need of a 1st class scientific
man to be the successor of the
deceased Dr. Hitchcock. All
friends and officers of the college
esteem that department very
highly and but few men can
well fill the place left vacant
by Dr. Hitchcock. There is much

to do with and it is well endowed
and the class room is much
the lightest in the College. I am
instructed to make the inquiry
in an informal way if you
consent - under any circumstances
to entertain a proposition looking
to the acceptance of such a
position at this place, I can
assure you it would be a hard-
call from our Board & faculty.
Hoping that you will do me the favor
to reply as soon as convenient.

I remain

Yours most respectfully

E. P. Harris.

Prof of Chemistry.

By E. P. Harris
March 10

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