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Mrs
Hunt

Mrs

Montreal Sept 6. 1871

My dear Lesley

I got an unsigned letter at Indianaapolis, which I suppose was from you. I mean one relating to Prof. Lyndal. and the plan of sending him to America. I shall be happy there any name appear as one of those inviting him. and authorize you to use my name for that purpose. Prof. Henry D. whom I spoke of the matter was somewhat favor of inviting him and said he would invite him & Dr. Gray said there would be no doubt that the Lowell Institute would invite him. In that case he could come without the necessity of placing himself in Mr. Pugh's hands. Should that course seem to him objectionable.

The more I look at the unsigned letter. The more I doubt whether it is yours. It was dated Phila. Aug. 7. I was sorry not to see you at Indianaapolis. but heard that a death in Mrs. Lesley's family prevented. We had a good meeting. Tho. not a very full one. I wish someone had been there to discuss my address. but there was not. nor yet anytime to discuss it. I should much like to talk over with you. The field here discussed is a wide one. & if I can get Amer. geologists to look once more at some of the questions here raised I shall be satisfied even though they may dispute many of my views.

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I am sorry your Survey plan failed last year. Is it probable that it will be again taken up? I long to get into the Alleghenies and should delight to aid you in the work as you suggested. You know I never got your letter announcing the failure of the measure, but gathered it through Genth. I have read with much interest your description of the N. Car. Iron Ores in the Amer. Philol. Socy. I think they are like our lean schistose ones of the Green Mt. range. We have besides you know ones in the Laurentian magnetites like those of Port Henry N. Y. & Ringwood N. J. and again highly titaniferous ones Bay St. Paul, Lake St. John, etc. which belong to the Labrador or Norian rocks. To these also belong the titaniferous ones of Westport N. York which although so near those of Port Henry are in non quartziferous Labradorite rocks and unlike those of the Green Mts are granular and pure but more slaty. The problem of working the highly titaniferous ones in the blast furnace does not seem to be solved as yet but as I have mentioned in my Notes on Iron Ores the lean titaniferous ones offer no great difficulties.

In Southern N. Carolina Prof. Kerr has found what seems to me to be Labradorite rocks like those of Essex Co. N. Y. I judge from a single sample which he brought to D. D. Rauer for analysis. I am very undecided in my plans, uncertain where to go or what to do. I wish to leave here if possible, but no open way seems to present. I am appointed to the Institute of Technology, but for a year the salary will only be

\$1000. with the hope of raising it soon to a full salary of \$3500.
Of course this would for the first year take up but little
of my time & could I find some other lecturer or the employ-
ment I could make it do. It is certainly disheartening to
find oneself at 45. penniless & without a proper position
in the world. I assure you I am led to discuss the use of
my life, & the legitimacy of suicide. for I am disappointed
& weary of living. Can you tell me of any opening to
your knowledge in Penn? something which I might then
combine for the present with Boston. If so I shall be forever
grateful. I cannot tell you how many false hopes I
have had during the past two years, all doomed to disap-
pointment. The ground always slipping from under my
feet. I often wish that I had died in La Tour when your
Mrs. Lesley were by me. Give my best love to her & believe
me, my dear Lesley,

Always Yours

W. Sterling Hunt

Mr. D. P. Lesley.