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30 College St.
New Haven, Oct. 21, 1871.

My dear Sir:-

The receipt of your letter of the 9th caused us much regret, I can assure you. A meeting of the Club was called and after consultation, I was authorized to write to you a second time, in the hope of inducing you to spare us the time required for the lecture. Let me say that our course originally included the names of Dana, Dawson, Gray, Morton, Young, and Chandler. That all of these eminent men of Science have signified a willingness to lecture, except yourself and Professor Dana, who says he

would gladly accede to our request, did his health permit the work of preparation, in addition to what he has now on hand. In his place, we have secured Prof. A. M. Mayer. That the difficulty of finding any one to take a place in such a course, particularly when Natural rather than Physical Science is concerned, is very great, as we have already found. And that your lecture upon such a subject is just the one we want.

Moreover, your absence from Montreal need not be a protracted one. Two or three days will suffice. And, since the lecture is already prepared, no time is required for that. Again, we will furnish all the help necessary in hanging diagrams or in providing any necessary fixtures. Or, if

you have any pictures to be shown, we will have them photographed and projected on the screen for you.

Our club too, is composed of young men of the highest character, students of science, who purpose to use the proceeds for their literary and scientific advancement. Your colleague and our warm friend Prof. Harrington, will tell you of us and of our plans.

To avoid a loss of time, let me say that we purpose to pay \$100 and all expenses. But this is a minimum; of course we shall not limit you to that. We will pay whatever more is necessary to secure your lecture. Also that the evening of Jan. 17th will be a quite convenient one to us. We can arrange a later Wednesday evening, however, if necessary.

May I add my own personal wish to have you come and lecture for us, to that above, from the Club's Garden my thanks to you again, but we are anxious to have you come. With the highest respect, I remain sincerely yours Geo. J. Barber.

Baker

Oct 11

Open work time between
Dec 22 & Jan 7

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