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My dear Sir,

I am in receipt
of your letter of the
and have talked the matter
over with my son. He is
naturally a little diffident
about the undertaking; but
I have no doubt was the
gifts for it, and would
succeed. At present he
is occupied in preparing
Reports, plans &c of ex-
plorations in Nova Scotia
When through with this he

might begin preparing lectures
but it would scarcely seem
possible to be ready before
Christmas.

Further, he is strong
of opinion that it would
be better to take up
one subject alone. He
thinks Chemistry should come
first unless there are students
who have already studied
it, and that a good course
might be got up in Inorganic
Chemistry with applications to
Mineralogy, say commencing
immediately after Christmas

and returning for about
two months. We are to give
twenty lectures in all, in
addition to which there ought
be special meetings with such
students as wanted any more
practical information on
determining of Minerals etc.

One question is have
you any apparatus in Mining
college and what; so that
it might be understood here
and would need to be procured,
or taken from here.

About remuneration I
should think as a beginner
he must be content with

Moderate things; but of
course he could not afford
to stay in Quebec and
give time and material
unless sufficient were guaranteed
at least to prevent loss.

I shall enclose a
little memorandum of what
might be proposed of which
you can judge.

To become what you
say of Louis. The truth is that
he and the young men from
Kankakee have required to be
worked in special ways. While
they were taking some subjects in
touch with Conspirator, some of
them required the most elementary
skill in ciphering &c.

Received yesterday a letter
from an unfortunate teacher
A. C. Williamson, long employed
in Montreal, but now in
the Belcourt Retreat. He
expresses regret and to
he desires of getting something
to do. It would be better
for him not to return here
but he is a good elementary
teacher and I think in the
main a deserving sort of
man. Should he come
to you you will understand
his case.

Sincerely yours
W. Dawson

Rev. J. Cook