

Elora, O.; Nov. 19, 1875.

Principal Dawson,
Mc Gill College,
Montreal. }

Dear Sir,

I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in writing to you, at the request of my friend Mr. D. Boyle, in relation to our Museum. Mr. Boyle's enthusiasm, which I am sure you will understand and appreciate, and regard as his excuse for asking me to trouble you, is very great, and seems to grow with the progress of the Museum, which has grown to such an extent, chiefly owing to his exertions, that a room of considerable size is required, the original case that was supplied four years ago being now quite insufficient

for the birds alone. After pleading Mr.

Boyle's enthusiasm, I don't know that I am at liberty to say any thing further in the hope that you will kindly set apart for him such specimens as you can spare, and which he tells me he will get some one to call upon you for and bring to Elwood.

But I cannot refrain from saying that I am glad that his request gives me an opportunity of expressing the deep sense that I have of the great value of your service in many ways in the defence of Christian truth, and in the promotion of the cause of Christ and the most important interests of humanity. Having been the tutor of Professor Clerk Maxwell and directed his studies in his boyhood for a number of years, I still retain a great liking to scientific speculation; but in the midst of the engrossing labours

of the pastoral in a New Country, one
can hardly do more than follow with
a measure of intelligent interest the
discoveries and speculations of these
recent years.

Again expressing the hope that you
will excuse the freedom I have taken,
I am, with every sentiment of respect,

Yours Truly
James Middlemiss.

Middlebury
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My dear Sir
Can you give
The good man here
joined to return me
of your little shell
collections. I mean
to give him some
things. W.D.