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Dear Sir,

Having been
requested by my sister
to place before you a
copy of her latest work,
and to ask your ac-
ceptance of the same as
a slight token of her
gratitude to you for
your many favours
extended to me while

at College, I have most cheerfully complied with her request and beg that you will kindly accept it as such.

This note is written at Chazyville, Ontario, where I am spending the Easter vacation with a friend. I have conducted my inquiries relative to the ^{quaternary} Post-Pliocene deposits along the lines of the Hamilton and Lake Erie ~~roads~~ (now a branch of the Hamilton and North Western) the Hamilton and North-Western ^{railways} as far as

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Georgetown, and the Toronto,
Grey and Bruce ^{railway} as far
as Orangeville. I might not
to exclude the Grand Trunk
from Goderich to Caledonia,
and from Stratford to
Toronto, and the Great Western
from Hamilton to London,
and portions of the Air
line from Glencoe to
Buffalo. I am, I think,
at present able to state
that there have been no
marine fossils deposited in
any of the clays or sands,
but that at the same
time, they are of aqueous origin.

that there is no trace of any mineral
glaciers at all at least in the Western
Peninsula. I hope to publish my observations
on their results soon and amplet to the
apparently disjointed sketch in the last
number of the "Naturalist".

So I dare permit me to ask
whether there will be any chance
for my obtaining a situation in the
College as a Tutor, during the next
year; also allow me to add that I

shall be prepared
about the middle or
perhaps ~~the~~ commence-
ment of May to make
investigations upon the
Falls, in order to confirm
or overthrow Mr. Bell's
theory. I expect to
return to Hamilton
on Wednesday, and
in the mean time I
shall endeavour to
collect a few fossils

from the Niagara
limestone here the bed
being higher in the
series than that at
Hamilton.

With many apologies
for intruding upon you,
and taking up your time,
I remain,

Yours respectfully,
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Orangeville, April 17th, 1876