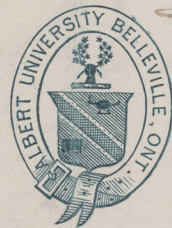


salary of \$800.00 per annum.
I found the Laboratory in a
frightful condition of dust
and disorder and spent a
week in clearing it up. It
seems that my predecessors
rarely showed an experiment
and even did any practical
work themselves. I have on the
contrary, resolved to teach 'by experi-
ment' as far as possible. I have
one fourth-year student ^{for taking}
Hours and as Practical Chemistry
is our subject named, I have
given him a list of experiments
in Inorganic Chemistry to illustrate
the laws of combination or, before
beginning the Qualitative Analysis
and Blowpipe work required.
The Philosophical apparatus re-
quires a great deal of attention
and improvement, also. My

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McKinnis

Dear Sir,

I presume that
you have duly received the
box of fossils from Hamilton.
I am ashamed to have
sent so few and so poor
specimens, and in consequence
of that I shall not think
of asking for any remuneration.
I have one or two excuses to
make, however, for this, the
first being that I was unable
to find any large specimens of

trilobites at all and very few
pieces of Trilobites in the strata
at Hamilton. There were graptolites and Brachiopods in abundance
but very few of what you
required. The second excuse is
that I was detained at
home by sickness during the
first three weeks in August.
I sent in the box one or two
comparatively large Strophomena
specimens, the largest, in fact,
that I ever saw or could obtain
in ~~Hamilton~~ the Hamilton Silurian
limestones.

I received the appoint-
ment of Professor of Chemistry
and Mathematics here about
two weeks ago, and at a

lectures are six daily besides the time given to
the student in the Laboratory, 2 hours daily.

I am allowed a small gratuity \$1000
per an. of my salary at the beginning of each
term, and the rest cannot be paid till the end of
the year, but at the end of the year I shall be
prepared to pay all sums due the University
toward me during my last year and owing from my
second year, with interest if possible.

Thanking you for past favors,
I remain,

J. N. Darnum Esq., H. D., F. R. S.
Principal of the Hill College
Michaelmas
Spring Term
D. S. G. Pickhams
About College, Burlington, N. H. 1876