

Vassar College, Jan. 7, 1878

My dear Dr. Dawson,

Returning from a
journey West, taken during our Xmas holidays,
I find your note of 5th ult. This
will account for its not having been at
once acknowledged - though, on account
of my necessary absence last week, the
reply w^d have made no difference to
Prof. Bell.

I regret, in view of what you say
respecting him, that I could not have
had this opportunity of seeing him - &
wish you w^d ascertain whether it is
entirely impracticable for him still to
run down for a short visit & conference
on the subject. It is desirable that an
election ^{to fill this chair} should be had early enough in the
Spring to anticipate the time when the
Annual Rent of dwelling-houses ^{commonly} begins in
our town - say, the first of April - and if

Prof. Bell can arrange to come at any
time before that, I hope he will permit
me to expect him.

I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. Raymond

H. J.

If ^a ~~the~~ personal interview is out of the
question, I shall be glad to hear from
Prof. Bell by letter.

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Dear Sir

Wm
Rufus
Gary

I have just received
this, which will show you
the reason of Dr Reynolds
Release

Wm

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