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Columbia, Boone Co., Mo. June 29 1882

Principal Dawson, Ed. D.,  
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Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 26th is in hand. We are desirous of appropriating the benefit of your world wide reputation & of your personal labors. As you cannot even name the conditions on which your own services would be available, may we venture to ask your friendly cooperation in finding a choice man - a man whose views you know & would approve. Our youth have no time to fool away on "unverified hypotheses"; but there is here, in the midst of these growing hundreds of youth, a splendid field for some live man. I have great faith in chalk as an auxiliary in the classroom, especially of natural history. A young man, but not too young, would be suited & suit no doubt.

I hesitate to trouble you, but feel sure that your interest in our science work will make it a pleasure to help us. Perhaps 2 of my colleagues, Profs. Schweitzer (Chemistry) & Thomas (Physics) will attend the meeting. Greatly obliged for your kindly assurances of welcome.  
Most truly  
S. S. Laws



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Columbia, June 27, 1882

Dear Sir:-  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. in relation to the new decision of the Supreme Court of Mississippi regarding the rights of your students with reference to the distribution of your labor. As you cannot even name the distribution on which your own services would be available, may we venture to ask you friendly cooperation in finding a chair man - a man whose name you know would approve. Our motto is "no man to foot camp on unnecessary hypotheses"; but there is here in the midst of these growing numbers of students a splendid field for your fine work. There is great fruit in chalk as an excitation in the classroom, and especially of natural history. A young man, but not too young, would be interested & suit no doubt. I hesitate to trouble you, but feel sure that you will treat in our science with collaboration as a pleasure to help us. Perhaps a few of our colleagues, Prof. & Dr. (Chemistry) & Prof. (Physics) will be interested in the present and in your study for your study of science. Very truly,  
 J. A. Jones