

July 15/86

Dear Sir,

In answer to your  
kind invitation of the  
11th and I beg to say  
that it will give me  
much pleasure to bring  
some of the first matter  
at which I work helps  
a Boston audience and  
the auspices of the Lowell  
Institute. The subjects  
which it would be  
most easy for me to

Vegetation as a whole be  
either

1. The Development  
of vegetation in geological  
time - the floral fauna  
of the different geological  
Periods

2. The geology of Egypt  
and Syria and their  
relation to the history  
& prehistoric correlation of  
these countries.



The principal difficulty  
is as to time. My College  
lectures here continue from  
Sept 20 to April 14 May  
1st with only an absence  
of 2 weeks at Christmas.  
Whether before or after these  
dates would I fear be  
impossible and of in the  
course of the paper I could  
not get leave of absence  
immediately after the New  
Year. Much would depend  
on the length of time  
required for the course or  
perhaps for some period

inform me as to this. It  
would of course be  
the best to have the  
lecture as proposed or  
~~perhaps to us to send~~  
by New Zealand. It  
is possible now to  
occupy little time.



M<sup>c</sup>Gill College.  
Montreal.

July 15, 1886

My dear Sir,

In answer to the  
kind inquiry in yours of  
the 11<sup>th</sup>, I beg to say that  
it will give me much pleasure  
to bring some of the geological  
subjects in which I am interested  
before a Boston audience,  
under the auspices of the  
Sumner Institute, in the  
course of next winter, of  
course with the limitations to  
which all engagements so  
far in advance must be  
subjected.  
Augustus Sumner, Esq.

ables

The subjects which it would be most easy for me to take up, in connection with work on which I am at present engaged, would be:-

(1.) The Development of Vegetation in Geological time  
 — the Fossil plants of the different geological Formations.

OR (2.) The Geology of Egypt and Syria, with their Relations to Prehistoric

time and the ancient and  
modern history of those  
countries.

The principal difficulty  
is as to time, and this would  
depend very much on the  
possibility of delivering the  
lectures continuously and at  
short intervals. My college  
duties here extend from Sept  
15th to May 1st continuously,  
with a fortnight's vacation at  
Christmas; and I suppose  
that any time before or after



our designs would scarcely  
be suitable. I could however  
probably obtain leave of absence  
for a week or two in the  
early part of January or  
possibly in April, and the  
month of May will be quite  
free. In the coming summer  
I expect to be in England till  
the 10th September, so shall  
have no time in the autumn.

Perhaps you will have  
the kindness to inform me as  
to the length of time which will  
be required, and whether any  
of the dates above stated would  
be suitable.

Truly yours  
Mr Jackson