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Sir J. Wm Dawson F.R.S. F.G.S. (Mtg.)

Principal, University of McGill Coll.

Sir
I am a Japanese student now in
the employ of Mr Wm Drysdale, bookseller,
whom I hold in a very high esteem and for
personal reasons, as my inspector.
I call myself a student, for indeed
such was the capacity in which I came
to the continent some two years ago,
and ever since, though my experiences were
various always in connection with some
kind of business and indeed though my
present condition is no more or less than
that of a young man just suffering
from the folly of an early marriage, my
feelings and inclination have always been as
such and are so now than ever.

Lately I have very keenly felt my present
position and the swiftness of the days that
pass away. For this reason after thinking
the way and that, I have come to beg
your permission to ask you two things.

The first is that I may be placed into any vacancy in connection with your college or any other high educational institute — into that of a position where by honest diligence I can earn enough to provide for my small family. The second is that I may obtain through your authority and kindness, a privilege of borrowing books from your college library; if such a favour can lawfully be granted.

I am fairly well educated and am a graduate of the law department of Michigan University, and I am confident that I can acquit myself of any ordinary routine business, quite satisfactorily. Some knowledge of books, which I have acquired while in Chicago book store and which I am still accruing at Mr Dupdale's, however makes me naturally think, my library work will be very favorable to me. I also believe that I can be a competent secretary or assistant to any literary or legal work, as I am fairly quick in correspondences and possess scraps of legal knowledge.

Indeed gathering knowledge from books and utilizing it into the means of livelihood seem to be the only course open to me; and I greatly desire that my humble appeal be kindly listened to by you. I am a member of Mechanics ^{Institute} ^{and} ^{resides} I daily handle a large number and variety of books and thus I have an easy access to many a valuable work and yet, just those books in which my inclinations lie are not to be found in either place.

I doubt very much whether I am not beyond the bounds of propriety in addressing you personally thus; while such an esteemed gentleman as Dr Maclean whom I have the honor of being acquainted with or my kind employer Mr Dunsdale, would have been kind enough to intercede for me, had I only made my intention known to him. Oh! I felt I had no right to trouble either gentleman merely for my sake; and I decided myself to take this step. Indeed I believe I am far too humble that you may take any offence at me.

Therefore allow me to trust that your

Your generous nature will receive things
in their best light. It is my very humble
and ^{earnest} appeal to you that you may be so
kind as to bestow a kindly consideration
thereunto. I ask your kind pardon
to forgive me for my disturbing your
days of rest with such long writing.

I beg
Sir

to be
Your very humble & obedient Servant
K. T. Takahashi.

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