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Sir
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I am really grateful to you so kindly condescending yourself, to reply my humble letter. Under the circumstance I will not expect any employment under McGill. Indeed I am more than grateful that I should be allowed the privilege of borrowing books from your library. In coming to America it was my desire that I should get living by learning a trade and at the same time follow up a course of study. Yet I found this to be exceedingly difficult and years plied, while struggle for existence robbed me of all my time, and I feel almost desperate when I come to think over how long this struggle has to keep me betray.

The study which I have been wishing to pursue is that of International Law. But lately many occasions had to bring me into contact with poorer class of society

and they have produced ⁱⁿ me an intense
interest concerning the situation of those
people. While I entertain greatest
admiration and respect and even reverence
toward those who so earnestly show their
charitable interest to the poor, many circumstances
have induced me to differ in my view
from those noble persons concerning their undertaking
of this noble work. Perdo me to assume
so much as to say that more than once
I felt something say in me that since
my interest became thus awakened on
this subject, it is just the duty allotted for
me to study up to the best of my faculty.
In the present frame of my mind my purpose
is firmly set in studying up the best plan
of bringing more good living among the
poor, while I dislike nothing so much
as falling into mere sentimentality; and
at the same time to enter into the study of
international law which is indeed an
attractive subject to Asiatics ~~like me~~ who
are generally considered beyond or rather below
the sphere of this law. It was this circumstance
which made ^{me} so bold as to make an

appeal to you. You will easily see the books
of the class I wish to read are not to be
abundantly found in ^{any} popular institutions;
nor are they usually kept in stock of
general book stores, however large the
establishments may be.

You have so generously offered me
that I may attend some of the classes;
but I must decline this. Mr Drysdale
has been very kind to me in more than
one way. Though I dare say my salary
is very small as an amount of money;
but my shortcomings in matters of business
are very great and therefore I honestly
acknowledge I have been paid with very fair
remuneration. Besides, Mr Drysdale has
been kind enough to keep me on during
this dull season and I am by duty and honor
bound to devote my best energy to his
interest, when the busy time comes round.
Thus practically I ^{will} have no time to attend
any class, much as I wish. All I wish
is that I may be allowed once and while to
carry home some books from your library
for my ~~night~~ study.

Again you have so kindly offered
that you will speak to Mr Dupdale on
your return here about me. I am very
grateful withall. But pardon me to say
that I should be very sorry if my ^{intentions}
were to be misunderstood by him as
regards my having applied by you for a
situation. Yet I believe Mr Dupdale to be
a gentleman of very high standing and I should
not harbour any such fear in me. Under
circumstances anything you will be pleased
to do for me will be most gratefully
and humbly acknowledged. ^{by me} And I beg
your permission to await your return
with all humbleness and the honor
to remain

Your very humble and obedient servant

K. T. Takahashi.

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