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My dear Father,

Dr Selwyn has received a
private communication from the Governor of
the Seeward Islands, West Indies, with whom
he proved to have slight acquaintance here some
time since, asking if he could recommend some
young geologist who might be got to make
an examination of the islands. Questions
particularly as to water-bearing strata on some of
islands & possibility of occurrence & working of
rock guano. The water is spoken of as a
temporary enjoyment & ~~from water~~ it is
evidently an object to limit reproduction.
Dr Selwyn says he does not know of anyone
who would be free to go, though the work would
evidently be a good bying for any man with
requisite knowledge, - especially have knowledge of
field work. Most of the work would I suppose
have to be done in the winter owing to climate.
I write to ask whether you know of any really
capable young fellows who would be likely to

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Mary wrote a creditable geological report of the
kind & who would probably be willing to take
Harold it up if the offer should be made. Dr Selwyn
would of course not feel justified in personally
recommending any one but himself & him, but he
might refer to you for recommendation instead.
An early reply will oblige.

Yours

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