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Dear Dr. Harrington,

Having heard from Dr. Carpenter that the Natural History Society are desirous of obtaining the name of someone who will act as Recording-Secretary to that body, & being also informed by him that it is not necessary for such an individual to be either a naturalist or of a scientific turn of mind, - I should be very happy to act as such, should the Society not be so fortunate as to obtain the services of a gentleman having some knowledge of the work, which is to be divided between the members of the new "Curators' Committee". - From what I have heard, I do not imagine that it will be necessary to be in attendance at the Hall more than a couple of hours each day, especially as the caretaker, Hassmore, is always on the premises.

Besides these two hours and an unlimited amount of time in the evenings, I should be able to give an entire afternoon every now & then, should occasion require. —

Having already had a conversation with you on this subject, I shall be glad if you will make such remarks to the other members of Council as you shall deem necessary or expedient. —

Yours sincerely,

Alfred W. Lewis

P.S. It has just occurred to me that should I be appointed — I might develop into an "amateur naturalist" — which I would feel exceedingly gratifying! —
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