

Answer  
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SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE COLLEGE,

New Haven, Connecticut,

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

Dear Harrington

Thanks for your letter of June 8<sup>th</sup>. I truly believe we shall attempt to reach Tabletop mountain. My friend Dr. Howe, who has the last two years shared with me the labor of instruction in the laboratory, says he will go. My oldest son John also is enlisted. Two students about to graduate desire to join us and have written to their fathers for approval. So the party will consist probably of 3 to 5.

Myself and John and one of the students will collect plants of all sorts. The other two care for nothing particular, but desire to see a portion of the earth which has not been much inspected by the human race. I fear none of us will be able to understand what is of geological interest — We shall start with expectation of being ~~of~~ out thirty days at least from St. Octave — I can not calculate

very closely the expense, which is  
~~at~~ a matter of interest to all  
of us — It will cost nearly  
\$33 each to go to St. Otaite and  
return — I have thought it possible  
\$60 for each in addition, devoted  
to rations, transportation, &c.,  
would carry us to a ~~cut~~ camp  
from which we could explore  
the high region of the mountains  
which Mr. Richardson has described

I wish you <sup>would</sup> go too. The  
flies and mosquitoes would then  
have one more to share among  
them. — Can not you think of it  
seriously?

<sup>making</sup>  
Mr. Howe has been inquiring  
about the route and cost of tickets  
and it seems likely that it will  
best to go direct to Quebec, and not  
through <sup>T</sup>Montreal. I shall be  
very <sup>not</sup> to see you, and we

shall lose much, by not  
seeing the Richardson also.

What he could say that would  
be of most assistance before hand  
& think would be about the  
best way of getting from  
the mouth of the Marsoni back  
into the woods — whether as I  
guess it, wholly a land route without  
the use of a canoe, whether the  
woods are open and easy to go  
through, whether we would use the  
beds of brooks, whether it would  
be a good place to make a camp  
at the largest lake at the base  
of the mountain (on the south side)  
if there are trout in the brooks,  
whether we would be forbidden  
to catch them &c. &c. — and  
especially where we would <sup>be</sup> best  
able to get a guide or men to carry  
things — Of course something  
may happen that will deter us  
from going, & will certainly write  
to you again when it is definitely settled  
— mean while I hope again to hear

from your report Mr Richardson  
says, if <sup>you</sup> have an opportunity to see  
him as you kindly proposed to do,

He will know better than me  
what <sup>the</sup> information to give that  
will be useful. — I expect plies of  
will be bad. — In the north of Maine  
the black plies leave by the last of  
June and swagones are not very  
bad after the middle of July, I  
do not know how it is further  
north —

Yours Truly

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