

Miss Col
 Aug 17, 1841

Dear George

Your two letters which, owing to irregular arrival of mail, fall to be answered at once, contain a great many important questions which I must try to answer shortly, as I have very little time.

With regard to Hartley's and Moore's places, the salaries are low; but I do not know how much. Selwyn does not mean to replace Bidome at all, saying he cannot afford two chemists. He finds that there is too much to be done with the funds at disposal of the Society and desires Burns to currow mine. I have said to him that he should try to get good men, even if he has to pay high and have fewer.

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health & work in England
than in this climate,
and perhaps it might
lead to employment
there. If this cannot
be done, perhaps you could
visit the Continent, or even
come out here for the
summer, and see Selwyn
and the rest here.

I am endeavoring
to raise a subscription for
reviving an Engineering School
and I propose to engage
Hampton as an assistant,
as soon as he is through
at Yale, so as to start
a school of engineering and
mining here. If it succeeds,
I might I need be give
you an office in it, as
I can count on Warrington
to stay for a few years.
However all this is for the
future. Work on now and

This is private

With regard to your studies
I think it would be wise
to pass the Nat. Hist. Exam.
this year, if you can.
You might then I suppose
take up the Special Exam.
for the Edward Forbes medal
next year; but if not,
and if this hangs upon
passing in the Nat. Hist.
next year, I could perhaps
wait, if you think you
have any chance.

My advice would I
think be if possible to pass
for the Association in the
Geology and Palaeontology; but
to take the mining and
Metallurgy as well. If
however you find this too
hard, in connection with
justice to the latter branches,
I have no objection to your
taking the other course.
Still I believe that a

Man who has traced
creditably in Geology and
knows about Mining &
Metallurgy, would have
the best chance

With respect to the
Chemistry, it is well to keep
up & increase your knowledge,
but do not interfere with
the time necessary for the
regular work.

If you have a
chance, you might ask
Etheridge about these things.

About next summer,
I shall write to Rawson by
next mail, and ask
him to consider what
he can do. I would like
you to have some work on
the English survey, if it can
be done, partly because
it would give prestige here,
and partly because it
might be better for you

do the best you can; and
 no dull good specimens
 will turn up. When
 Fante & Ramsay, I shall
 ask him to inform you
 what he can do. To us
 at same time. If I cannot
 write to-day, I shall try
 to do so by New York mail.

I wish you would
 invest in an English Dictionary
 and look up words you
 are not sure of. You spell
 "laboratory" and "Sutrostricans" and
 so on. This will cause you
 to be set down as unperfectly
 educated, and you should
 be careful.

I am glad to learn
 from your letter to mamma
 that you attend the little
 Church in which I got you
 a sitting. I trust you will
 find good from it, even
 though you do not give much
 to the Collectors. However I

have always found it to
be no less to give a little
in that way; and you must
not laugh at the good
people too much for their
desire to gather a few coppers
& help in the good work

I have sent my
paper on tree ferns & the
sequoia. Perhaps you
may learn when it is
to be read and so on.
Mr Patterson H.S. is
a friend of mine whom
I suppose you do not know.
He is a friend of Dwyer &
Daries I think. I have
asked him if he sees you
at the Soc. & introduce him-
self. He writes to me that
the same four articles are
very well received. Please
inform me if you hear anything
about them. Ever your loving
father
W. Dawson

Please send your answer
to Mr. Patterson
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