SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM.

[Papers to be returned to Assistant Secretary's office.]

Mr Ridgway:

I regret to say there is no opening for him here. If you will better explain that all positions in the Civil Service are under Civil Service Commission & he had better write to the Commission asking whether any examinations are to be held for chemical positions. J W

Ridgway Collection

Dr. True:
Is there any chance for the applicant — as volunteer assistant in any of the ~~depart~~ divisions of the Museum? I don't know him, then, if he succeeds I can not know. R. R.

Evansville, Indiana

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Prof. Ridgway

Dear Sir

Simply on the remembrance of a very slight acquaintance with you in the years gone by, I take the liberty of writing to you for information concerning the Smithsonian Institution

I have a son who will graduate from the Science department of Purdue University in June. He is

anxious to secure a position that will enlarge practically his knowledge of, and perhaps afford opportunities for individual research in this line (Chemistry)

He is I think exceptionally thorough in any thing he undertakes

Are there any possible conditions under which a position might be obtained in the Institution.

Salary not an object at present

Any information you may give will be most gratefully received

Hoping I have not overstepped the bounds of propriety in thus writing, I remain

Yours

Very respectfully

Joseph W. Davidson