

Oct. 7th 1883

Wood's Hall,
Mass.

Dear Dr. Mass.

Thanks for your kind greeting, which I found awaiting me here last night.

Prof. Baird is here and shows a great desire to aid in setting us up again. We have the use of the U.S. dredging steamer Fish Hawk tomorrow, which ought to bring us many fine things. Prof. Baird has also promised us 500 mounted birds, duplicates from the old Pacific R.R. collection - a valuable start toward the bird museum. They are worth some \$2 - 300 in the market for such things. I expect how to remain

here for about a week,
returning then to Bloomington,
and going to Washington in December.

It may be best however to
go to Washington before returning.

I am glad to hear of
the general brightness of the
prospects of the institution.

The Dennis Woods project
I do not quite understand,
but the location is certainly
better among those great maples.

I hope that you ~~let~~ will
let none be cut down, except
where their removal is absolutely
necessary.

I want to have a word or
two with the architect of the
new Museum building, as also
with the committee who purchase
the scientific books.

Most cordially yours -

David S. Jordan.