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Answer
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My dear Mr. Moss,

There will be
no advantage in getting our
alcohol from Buffalo.

I am now cataloguing
the fresh-water fishes in the
Museum. When this is finished,
in some ten days more, I
shall again go fishing - in
search of the species still
unrepresented here. Meek
is now my clerk here.

Gilbert & Snrain are in
Tennessee or Alabama, con-
ducting the campaign in
the south.

I cannot now say
positively, but I may be
glad to retain Gilbert

on this work, till the first
of October. Will there be
any objection to this. if
he hires Boyan or some
one else to do his language
work and Inrain to take
the Elective classes in
Science? There is a
great deal to be done, and
only Inrain and Gilbert are
far enough advanced to
manage a collecting party.

We are promised several
hundred more bird duplicates
this winter.

As ever

Yours.

David S. Jordan.