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Scranton, Pa., Mar. 23 1885

My dear Jordan:-

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 12th, which should have been acknowledged before this.

I don't think there is anything selfish in my desire to work with you there. I am deeply interested in your making a grand success of your position and work, and I have no doubt that in selecting Coulter for the position in question, you have chosen a man whom you know as a capable coworker; and as he is a man experienced in the actual work of teaching, you feel more confident, I have no doubt, about what he is going to accomplish. Of course that is as it should be. To you and the University it is a bird in the hand. But personally the prospect of working with you was a most pleasing one to me, and I felt that success for the Univ., for yourself and for myself was sure to follow my appointment.

It was very much to the point with me that <sup>while</sup> you wanted a <sup>a man who aimed to do and be,</sup> teacher, you wanted something more than a mere school-teacher. All my efforts have been to broaden my experience as a geologist, so that when I undertook such work, I should have the best possible practical, as well as



a thorough technical knowledge of what had to be taught.

I am convinced that in choosing new men, an institution should select <sup>older men</sup> ~~those~~ who have had wide experience in their work, or younger ones who have an enthusiastic love for and devotion to it. ~~at institution~~ ~~that~~ I have tried to combine both, with what success the future must show.

I speak of these things now that you may know that in recommending me for the position at Purdue or elsewhere, you need have no fears about the results. I shall devote myself to the work with all my energies.

Sincerely and truly yours,

John G. Branner