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My dear Lillie,

I was glad to get your letter of Nov. 28. President Harper will be glad to talk with you at Christmas. Very likely I shall not see you, and I have to go to the New Haven meeting. Shall be sorry for that.

Davenport will probably continue at Cold Spring, and perhaps that will be best for M.B.L., for now we may be sure Davenport will not hold on there. I hope the injury of M.B.L. did not make him think Parker was the right choice. I do not believe we could get Parker, but the offer to him will do no harm. Parker would undoubtedly be a much stronger man for the place than Faulkner.
I think Dahlgren has known of my wishes to get Davenport in past. I told him 20, and when I applied the place to him told him that I should want to be free to get Davenport whenever she could be induced to join us. Parker now holds the same place and is a popular lecturer, I guess, and I don't think Dahlgren could feel much about it, given up this place to Parker. I should endeavor to give Dahlgren some satisfactory place. Have you any suggestion on this point?

The Act. Prof. salary here is $2000. That is Davenport's position, as it was Wheeler's and Watase's. It is not equal to the Vassar salary, but I think it is prepirable on ground of work and prospective ad-
A word in confidence about Journals. I thought I had the whole matter secure. Toward evening I said to Morgan and Wilson objected to joining with a man like Knowler whom they seemed to look down upon. They proposed the plan of having Universities and Colleges join in support of a journal, and promised to work up the matter. Meanwhile, I have waited, in doubt. So far I don't believe much has been accomplished. Probably Bay N. and Columbia would be pledged to $100 each, but are it should the rest come from Chicago might add another hundred, and that is about all. I am not convinced that I feel a little building toward Knowler. Mostly recommended him strongly and I have always found him very cordial and in every way a gentleman. But Morgan thinks he does not stand well at Johns Hopkins.
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The embryology of the Termites
about its applicaton in the Journal,
and Morgan is the first
man I have heard speak
against him. Dr. Mall
has taken him onto his
Laboratory as an assistant.

So far as I am concerned,
knowledge is not objectionable,
and I incline to think he
can be helpful in many
ways. I may be mistaken.
What is your feeling about
this matter? Something
must be done, for I have
promised $500 in March
(provided the publisher come
up to the mark I proposed.
So far I can, if nothing
succeeds, say admonish
Owen and Willie
Kermer
Allan
Whitman

I think Harper
Could be induced
to take up the matter
as a last resort. But
I hesitate to ask him.
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I would prefer to keep the Journal for Wood's Well, if possible, as I think that is the place for it.

If one or none are found to aid it and reserve it for the WM. B. L.

That would be better than any other plan.

It is curious how difficult it is to get 5 or 6 men to work together. Someone or another or none to feel that some one else is not quite good enough to associate with. There is a real mingling of excellencies forever cropping up.

E. O. Whitman