

No 6 Cushing Street,
Providence, Sept 7th 1888,

My Dear Watson,

Will you, if it is in your power, kindly send me a copy of the list of Dr Graig's papers that appeared in the Am. Journal?

I have never been well since that day I saw you at Dr Graig's funeral. I caught cold in the horse-car, was cold in the chapel; cold again on the car returning to Providence. I was suddenly seized with rheumatism, and confined to my bed three weeks. After that the disease took a chronic form as lumbago and a severe pain in the back of the neck, and a general weakness. I could barely walk through the Wm. College matters, too, distressed me much; my insignificant salary, and

the total indifference to the needs
of my department. Really - I can-
not teach and do what I ought
by the herbarium. It is wholly out
of the question. There is not enough
there - you know what it is, to
employ two men for five years - all
day. The room, too, is small, and
inadequate. Phew! I am disgusted
with it all. But the longest part of
it is that I cannot live on my
salary - and, in order to go away
this summer, as directed by the Dr
I had to draw on my principal.
This, with a family to bring up, and
nothing to leave them, is sad enough!
Is there any work you can direct in
my direction?

I am just returned from a two
months stay - alone, at West Point.
I am better, but am advised to "draw
it mild" for some time. If only I
could see my way ahead as regards

business, I would wish the rest. My
long illness has cut off many of
my resources. If the worst comes to
the worst, for what could I sell
my herbarium? Is there any de-
mand? It would be like pulling eye-
teeth to part with it - but even
merciless "man life" - and the sen-
timents must go.

All luck and happiness
Seymour! What can you tell me of the
proposed change, and of the Synod
House, and of Harlan's volume?

Affly always
Your friend
W. W. Bailey



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