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Munich, Bavaria, May 3, 1894.

Professor H. S. Williams,
Yale University.

My dear Sir, -

By no means forgetful nor inappreciative of your kindness in having directed my footsteps toward Munich as a place for study, I am led to turn to you once more with an inquiry, this time in the hope of learning something about palaeontology at home.

May I inquire if there is any room for an assistant in palaeontology in Yale University for next year, and if I may be allowed to make through you an application for the position? I should be glad to serve in any capacity about the Museum that I am able to, and be content with very small salary.

The latter item, in fact, is to me for the first year at least, entirely a secondary consideration. I am seeking a position that offers an opportunity to learn something of American methods both in teaching and in doing original work in palaeontology and geology; and also the chance of familiarizing myself more particularly with American forms. I should therefore be willing to accept almost any terms for the sake of enjoying the privileges which exist at Yale; and if there is any prospect whatever of an assistantship, - or even fellowship, - being offered for next year, I hope to be able to convince the authorities of having very good claims to offer.

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Received by H. S. Williams
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As known to you, I am one of Prof. Shaler's men, holding two degrees from Harvard, and have also studied with Professors Clark and Williams at Johns Hopkins. I served during several field-seasons on the Geological Survey, and have been engaged in private geological work in several of the western states.

My work on this side has been very successful. The past year I have been occupied chiefly in vertebrate palaeontology, and take my degree in this branch as Hauptfach next month. Prof. v. Zittel stands ready to offer his hearty recommendation, he tells me, wherever asked for. My close relations with him may be perhaps further understood from the fact that he has arranged with me for the translation of his new textbook, the publication of which Macmillan & Co. have undertaken. Finally I should add that Professor Shaler would regard it a pleasure to contribute whatever ^{word} he can in my behalf, and desires me to mention him as first reference.

You may inquire why I do not apply to Harvard? As a matter of fact, until recently it had been the understanding that I should return there, but the scientific department finds itself \$25,000 behindhand from last year, and as I have just heard, can pay me nothing at all. For this and the first-mentioned reasons, I want to put in an application for work at Yale; and if they want my services for a year or two at the smallest salary they pay, I am ready to promise them as much enthusiasm and fidelity as they are likely to run across anywhere.

If you can find any encouragement to offer me in this respect, I shall be even more indebted to you than before. Trusting, however, that I am not imposing on your kindness, and with assurances of my highest regards,

I remain

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles R. Eastman.

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