

Amherst May 6<sup>th</sup> - 1859

Dear Sir,

As you were not present at the beginning of the term this week the Faculty asked me to lecture to the Junior class & today I commenced. My lectures by the Catalogue should not commence under three weeks & there two per week are assigned to me the remainder of the term. The last six weeks I have lectures assigned me every day also on Physiology - It is quite clear that I cannot perform



impossibilities & to lecture  
on two subjects the same  
how would come near  
such a requirement. It  
has occurred to me that if  
you could find it conven-  
ient to let me go on for  
two or three weeks & then  
take your three weeks it  
would accommodate me.  
In that case I would  
try to make an arrange-  
ment with Mr. Fickerman  
(who is now absent) to make  
room for you at that time  
but if not convenient  
for you then to delay I will  
stop aside whenever you  
come. If you should de-  
lay I should be glad to

know it as early as  
next Monday as I have  
been contemplating  
a brief absence after that  
time if I should not have  
lecturing on hand.

Yrs. Wrote

Most Truly Yours

Edward Hitchcock