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but his nervous system giving way he was obliged to rest for some time and then I was offered a situation in our Agricultural College as an assistant in the Labratory, teaching Physics at the same time studying for his Degree: but the labratory being damp, brought on a violent attack of rheumatism & he almost lost the use of his arm and hand, again he returned home as the Labratory was closed and by great perseverance in using the proper remedies with the blessing of God upon them, has recovered the use of his arm and fingers so necessary to his labours in the labratory. On account of my illness he could not leave home this winter, but the Labratory being at last ready for work he is thus enabled to finish his course here. Now dear Madam you must wonder why I trouble you with all this. From what I know of Dr Morris I thought that perhaps if he knew of any situation that would suit my nephew I might hope that he would mention him if I told what place he would be able to fill ~~to fill~~ and for which he could obtain the highest testimonials from the Proffessors in our Institution. Although my nephew has studied Chemistry faithfully and from his industry and patient habits of investigation is calculated to succeed in it, yet he prefers Botany, and the higher Mathematics, and although he feels prepared for a full Proffessorship in these and some other branches his defective hearing and being a young man still he would willingly act as an assistant, — he can obtain the highest testimonials from the Proffessors here; and others who know him from a child, for truthfulness