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Dear President:

James proposes to present himself at your next examination and go over the studies he has been pursuing at Sherborn. If he helps successfully it will lift some of the load that rests upon him and give him more courage for the remainder. Will you oblige me by advising as to the day or days when it will be proper for James to present himself?

It has always seemed to me that a