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Dear Mr Slarcikoff.

I beg you, first of all, to excuse me for not having sent a single word to you, which I was certainly bound to do.

I don't know whether I am not presuming too much upon your time with this letter of mine, but feeling that it touches my best interests - nay my future -, and knowing how, in former times, you have shown yourself zealous for my interests, I take the liberty to ask for a favour this time also.

I don't mean to be always a clerk, and I don't want to be one. If I could, I would go directly to some higher School. This unfortunately is out of my power, and I have the conviction that it is in your hands to help