

Dr. Dawson --- <sup>Mr. H. S. G. S. G.</sup> May 16  
Dear Sir. . . . .

I believe I promised to write you, giving some sort of a geological description of the country up here. The country generally is quite mountainous. I am located at the mouth of the River Oriskany where it empties into the Gatiueau (the people here pronounce it jaw-tineau, as that is the Indian pronunciation), 92 mls from Ottawa. The Gatiueau winds among mountains nearly all the way, and in the distance one can discern in many places large rocks largely made up of flesh colored feldspar. The rocks around

here appear to be largely  
feldspathic; I found some  
pretty good pieces of albite.

I scarcely know however to  
call the rocks generally  
granitic or gneissoid.

Some rocks again are largely  
made up of quartz. I found  
two pretty large crystals  
of tourmaline, and there is  
a considerable quantity of it  
in some places. The mica very  
often is in veins which I  
suppose would indicate gneiss.

There is a little mountain about  
500 yds from my boarding  
house and every rock is  
flashing in the sun with  
thousands of cleavage surfaces.

The water is so high that I  
have not got very far

among my surroundings  
yet. I hope to get some crystals  
of quartz, apatite, graphitic  
etc and some asbestos down  
du fatneau. The people appear  
to know all about the minerals.  
I have not met with any  
limestone, or anything like  
Serpentine. I found a little  
piece of rock that looks  
like chlorite.

The people tell me that  
parties of the geol. survey were  
up the river about 1891.  
But I do not think you  
need mind hunting up  
anything about it.

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There are some very fine  
people in River Desert  
and I feel quite pleased  
to be among them as a

missionary.

Yours truly

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