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Dear Sir

I received your very kind note of the 10th Inst. - So far as original work is concerned, I almost regret that I have devoted so much of my time, in the interests of this college, to the setting aside of work, which I feel now would have told more in my favor, but I can truly say, that my conscience acquits me, so far as attending to the duties, which I have had to attend to, connected with Acadia college. I found everything in an upset condition, & things were getting to rights when the fire came, since then I have been kept busy putting things once ^{more} in order, & in getting up another museum. But I would rather be away, that adopt views of Religion, which are not convictions, in order that I might advance my interest - I feel convinced

that the labors of an inferior man, provided he be a Baptist, would be valued much more, than the best informed, who is not a brother church member - Of course, scarcely anything is said openly, but there is an evident desire to have none but those, who have been baptised in the orthodox fashion, around the Institutions - Miss Huguenin a french lady & a member of the Presbyterian church, has been teaching French, German in the College & Seminary, for two or three years past & nothing was said to her about her church, until lately I am told on good authority, that she has been requested to attend the Baptist church all-together or expect a want of friendship, which means insecurity of position - Such actions indicate an unpleasant state of affairs - I have no trouble whatever with Dr Cramp, Hon Dr Parker, Dr Rand (Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick), Rev Mr Saunders, & other men who are the best educated in the Baptist Denomination - These gentlemen have had a meeting this spring with me, & have assured me of their friendship, but the trouble comes from a

few ignorant, noisy, bigots & those who play into their hands, for selfish ends - with these men subscription to church doctrines is everything, & no amount of ability, or fitness for a position will avail, with the other wanting -

One of my colleagues, Prof J. F. Lufts, ever since I came here, has considered it his duty to get me out of my position, & has even gone so far as to offer to take charge of my department, of course with the purpose of getting me out, although he could not fill the position one month - This man, I find has been secretly trying to undermine me, & to detract, until I have been compelled to tell the President that I would challenge Prof Lufts to a public test of our attainments in our respective departments, unless Lufts' impudence was put a stop to - Since then nothing has been said against my ability, but Lufts has lately been trying to stir up the students in rebellion against me, & there is a class rebellion case under consideration at present having reference to the annual

Geological Expedition - The members of this class, with the exception of four or five, are not what are called students, but at any rate they are willing enough to get up a disturbance - Prof Lufts gets the credit of encouraging these students - in fact as he is ambitious to become President - he leaves nothing undone to bring the present management into discredit - The Baptist Convention is in session at present, & I believe the case will be fully discussed - The main fact, is that ~~the~~ some of the class took the liberty of going off in the schooner, engaged for the expedition, on the night of May 24th, which night was quite squally, & in consequence I informed the class that it was not a fit night to be on the Basin, & that we would leave next day - they thought otherwise however & went - On returning after five or six days, they were asked to apologize to the Faculty for disobedience, this they refuse to do - -

I forgot to mention that I came up across some imprints like finger marks, on the surface of a compact ferruginous slate deposit in Greenholm brook, - a small valley about 6 miles from here. The rock is covered most of the

year with water, & it is only when the water is very low that one can examine the rocks - I expect to drive there again in a short time, & will endeavor to secure the impressions I saw - In connection with this I might mention, that there were two pieces of rock, in the old museum, with no labels on, but which I am sure came from the Brook above mentioned - The one piece had three or four impressions such as might be made with the ends of one's fingers - The other rock had what appeared to be a bone - same color as the rock, reddish brown - about 6 ins long, & about 1 inch in thickness, except at one end where there appeared to be a joint, with a distinct enlargement, & a bend at right angles - I did not like to take the liberty of taking them out of the cases, & sending them to you, as I would have done had they belonged to my own collection - However I may come across some more -

I have not met with any post-pliocene fossils at

Horton Bluff, although I have looked for them in the neighborhood of the Bluff - nor have I found any fossils in the drift deposits about here -

I have not been to the Victoria Falls, but one of our students made a collection of the rocks of the neighborhood, at my request; - but there appears to be nothing new in them -

A year ago last May I found some Ripple marks on some large slabs of sandstone, which had fallen down from near the top of the cliff on the south side of Blomidon, near White waters - These ripple marks are the first I have met with in that locality -

I am always on the lookout, but have not given as much time as I intend in the future.

Again thanking you for kindness

I remain respectfully Yours -

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