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Dear Sir. You doubtless will have  
learned ere this of my sudden and unex-  
pected departure for this place in quest  
of health. My medical advisers ordered an  
immediate departure for the winter if I  
wished to save my lungs which began  
& manifest symptoms of future danger  
unless promptly cared for. One great source  
of regret at leaving was the very unsatisfac-  
tory position and condition of the  
affairs of "The Canada Sunday School  
Union" an object very dear to my heart  
but from whose interests increasing and  
heavily pressing professional & other duties  
and cares had been for many months  
excluding me. I had only time to gather  
together

together into several packages all the  
Minute Books - Reports - Documents and  
papers in my possession (some of  
them of inestimable value in the history  
of the Society) and handed them to the  
Rev. Mr. W. Hillican - if some good,  
earnest & faithful Secretary can be  
found in my place - who will presume  
and arrange them and undertake  
the duties of the office - all men yet  
be well - If my brother Charles - the  
Notary, would undertake it - he would  
do the work well I had not time to  
speak to him on the subject -

And now that I am here - far from  
being an invalid - and with the  
prospect when health & strength is  
restored of having time out my  
hands for anything regarding



outdoor exercise - my mind tends  
to Alma Mater (and I am anxious  
to know it) from the wealth of geologi-  
cal & mineralogical objects so  
lavishly spread about me I can  
with my limited & much neglected  
resources do anything in  
the collection of specimens or  
otherwise which would prove of  
any advantage.

I forward you by this mail a  
catalogue of the nascent College  
here not for its "Burrillium of  
Studies" but for the few lines on  
page 42 which vividly describes  
in scientific language the  
nature ~~of~~ the acid composition of  
the rocks in this neighborhood.

Please let me hear from you  
at your convenience and if I  
can in any way ~~strategize~~ be of  
service

service to you or the college  
please ~~retain~~ ~~know~~ -

Yours truly

Samuel Gushing

P.S. I enclose you a Hotel Card  
which gives the altitudes of the  
more prominent points in the  
neighborhood & their distances  
Lc.

