

M: Gill College.  
Montreal.

Push up to  
Brimmes  
~~Montreal~~  
Feb 7, 1888

Dear Dr. Brimmes,

I can assure  
you I reciprocate your  
kind desire to have  
a letter. I should  
have written to you  
more than one since  
Christmas, but for  
the frightful pressure  
of college and other  
work, which I fear,  
according to the old  
proverb, makes me  
a very "dull boy".

Spelled list: M  
Larrinoff

I am however very glad  
to have something to  
write about and a  
few minutes to write.  
As to the Royal  
Society <sup>of Canada,</sup> it is accumulating  
books, but at present  
in temporary quarters in  
the Secretary's office in  
Ottawa. We hope however  
before long to have a  
local habitation, and  
in the mean time are  
very glad to secure  
all that we can to  
give as reasons for

a paper library room,  
If in these circumstances  
the A.S. will  
give its publications  
we shall be thankful.

I regret the un-  
willingness of the A.S.  
to move for Geological  
Union. It is a good  
chance lost and  
may not return in  
our time, unless  
our Australian friends  
can be induced to  
move in the matter

of a Scientific meeting  
in their country; but  
I fear that chance  
also is lost for the  
present. When I get  
time I propose to prepare  
a little Report for the  
friends who have in-  
terested themselves in the  
matter and so to  
leave it for the  
present.

I have sent to  
Mr Dallas a paper  
somewhat lengthy I  
fear on the <sup>Evolution</sup> Palaeontology

formations of the Atlantic  
Coast of Canada as  
compared with those  
in Europe and western  
America. It is intended  
as a final summary of  
and "appreciation" of all  
the papers on these rocks  
I have contributed to  
the Proceedings since  
1845 with the new  
facts and conclusions  
up to date, and  
will perhaps all I have  
to say on that subject  
leading me henceforth to  
follow up my special work  
in fossil plants etc. I

Think the Council ought  
to print it; but am  
quite prepared to find that  
there may be differences  
of opinion as to this.  
I shall be glad if you  
will kindly take an in-  
terest in it and tell  
me frankly what you  
think of it; since if  
not printed in the Journal  
I may rewrite it for  
my "Museum Memoirs"  
series or for a volume  
of Canadian Geology which  
I hope to prepare.

I have just read the  
proofs of a book on the  
Geological History of Plants  
in the "International Series"  
of which I shall send  
you a copy, and

am now occupied with  
 my notes on the  
 Geology of Egypt & Sina  
 which are to appear  
 as a popular Contribution  
 to Science in Public Lands,  
 I shall have a chapter  
 on the economic stones  
 of Egypt and shall put  
 in the Appendix all  
 the results of your work  
 of Hamington on the  
 Egyptian rocks and  
 the fragments from  
 Sculptures & which  
 I collected. I hope  
 the facts I have col-  
 lected will help to

George has gone to Washington to keep with his Alaska expenses in the  
possibly connected with our Siberian friends. I like anything in their day men will  
not fight about?

Knock on the head  
some of the nonsense  
of your modern biblical  
critics of the advanced  
School, who seem to  
be among the greatest  
of the many fools  
this maniacal age is  
producing. At any rate,  
like the woman who slurs  
abuse, I shall try the  
effect of a few pieces of  
millstone and other stones  
on their heads.

If I can get three little  
matters through this winter, I shall  
hope to visit next summer at  
Leeds in our museum.  
I have left out a little  
space after all this egotism to  
say that I have read with very  
much interest your papers on the  
Alps and Brittany and to wish  
you all happiness and prosperity. Please  
give kind regards to Miss Boney, in all  
warmest my wife and

Ever yours  
G. M. Dawson