

Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College,

New Haven, Connecticut. Nov. 5th/87

My dear Sharinkaw,

Yours of the 26th Oct
 came 2 or 3 weeks since, and I
 ought to have answered it more
 promptly, but it was a fort-
 nights before I could get Dana
 to look at your specimen of
 Calcite. It is quite an in-
 teresting form - a combination of
 two scalenohedrons with rhombo-
 hedral planes the terminal scalen-
 ohedron being similar to that in
 Fig. 568 in Dana's *Min* 5th ed.
 I hope you succeeded in getting
 more specimens of it for it is
 quite an unusual form. I
 shall be glad to see your
 new mineral from San-
 Edwards Island. I hope you
 will have good luck in getting

hold of British American minerals
and shall be glad to exchange
with you whenever you have
anything that you can spare
which you think would be
of interest in my collection. I
have given up all idea of
ever receiving anything from
Dr. Hunt, he having promised
so many times without keeping
his ^{my mind} word that I have made
up that he is not to be
depended upon —

Our department of college officers
will we have 55 men in the
Freshman class and 146 in
all — the catalogue will be
out in a fortnight when I
will try to remember to send
you one. I understand Dr.
Lawson is expected here to
lecture I wish you would
come down with him

Allen and Surplus are both quite well and pretty busy with the Capt. Davenport as 2^d assistant is doing very well. The land just broken ground for our new building for the G. G. G. You know that it is to stand in Prospect St about 200 feet to the rear of the present building. It will be done we trust by the spring of 1873. The contract provided it for ^{the} Spring 1873. It will be 76 x 86 feet and 4 stories high. Giving us a great deal of available room. -

I looked over your thesis with the intention of making an abstract to publish but concluded I could not do it without taking more liberties of editorialship with

it than the case warranted.
Perhaps if you had if you
would find it to your advan-
tage to publish extracts from
it in some of your Canadian
Journals, if so I will send
it to you. It might do good to
publish the whole thing there,
Allen & Dexter both desire
to be remembered to you and
are glad to learn that the pros-
pects of your new department
of the College open so well.
Hoping to hear from you
again soon I am

Very sincerely yours
Geo. J. Smith

D. Sturminster