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Yours very truly

Frank Adams

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Dear Dr<sup>r</sup> Harrington -

How did you enjoy your last visit to the "phosphate" district. It is to be hoped that you had no more runaway accidents. I passed through East Templetown while you were in the vicinity but was not aware that you had arrived up until my return to Montreal. Before leaving for New Haven I heard Mr Hoffmann, who was working on some apatites. What method do you use in analysing them? Do you find any peculiarities of composition constant to the different varieties. I am at present working on a mineral which from its appearance and crystaline form, appears to be an unaltered scapolite; ~~but~~ it contains about 10 p. c. too

much  $S_2O_2$  as well as too little  $Al_2O_3$  @ 2.75 p. c.  
of  $H_2O$ . Little or no  $CO_2$  is present. The minerals  
comes from Ripon @ occurs with apatites.  
The analysis is not yet finished and as Prof. Allen  
says we must not theorize until it is completed.  
Nothing of particular interest has happened  
since my last letter (written about three weeks  
ago). The boat-race between the Academic  
and Scientific freshmen was rowed last  
Saturday resulting in a victory for the former.  
I have been elected into the Berzelius Society  
and enjoyed the first meeting very much.  
I am attending Mr Howe's blasphemy class now,  
he has been studying microscopic lithology  
in Germany since you were here, and has  
written a report on the minerals @ Littleton  
of New Hampshire, which contains a great  
deal of information on the subject.  
Hoping that yourself, Mrs Harrington @ the young  
Doctors are well —

I remain

Yours very truly  
Frank Adams.