

Hunt
Park Avenue Hotel

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Dear Mr. Williams

I had hoped to be able to come on to Canada for the meeting of the Royal Society next week, but am unable.

A slight relapse has kept me prisoner to my room for ten days; & at best I am not able to support more than an hour's journey by rail.

It is clear that I am a permanent invalid, the cardiac weakness forbidding all viol.

lent secretion, climbing of stairs or walking some
a few hundred feet at a time. I am still
able to study & find a pleasure in my scientific
work. My Systematic Mineralogy is now
practically ready for the press & I have a
final conference with the publisher this week.
I sent you yesterday a paper on Geological
History of the Quebec Group published last
month, which I hope you will read carefully.

I cannot understand the assurance of
Ellis & Walcott in putting forth as new what
I have preached for eighteen years to deaf
ears, or their attempt to give Selwyn credit
for what I spent hours in trying to make
him understand. His own testimony at
Paris in 1878, is the refutation of their claims.
I should greatly like to see this paper
reprinted in the Canadian Record of Science.

where its appearance would be
a matter of justice to myself.
I have not seen or heard of
the Record for a year or
more. I hope it is not suspended
I should be glad to receive it
& pay for it.

Chemical questions now
chiefly occupy me, & I have
a paper soon to appear in
the Chemical News on

"Valency, Basicity, Complex
Acids & Monadic Notation"
Another one nearly ready
is on "The Coefficient of Cur-

densation in Chemistry."

I was much pained & glad
news of the death of Edith
Barrington and beg you will
convey to ~~her~~ parents my
heartfelt sympathy -

You will be sorry to hear
that my sister Lizzie is
very ill, & cannot, in the
opinion of her physicians
survive many weeks. Her
illness of long date, first was
made known some four
months ago, is due to an
internal cancer. Though

I have written to Mr Bow-
not & to Mr Samuel &
say how much I regret that
I cannot be with you in
Ottawa next week.

With best regards to Lady
Dawson & your family I
remain, dear Sir William

always faithfully
Yrs
J. Streebuck

Sir William Dawson

She is not apprised of its real nature. She is
in a hospital at Norwich Conn. where she
has a private nurse and every attention
that friends & relatives can give. & fortunately
suffers no pain. To my great regret I can
not go on to see her.

The meeting of the British Iron & Steel Insti-
tute in this country at the end of September
will be an important event & as one of

the American Committee have much to do.
I have engaged to prepare an address though
I do not hope for strength to deliver it.
Some 250 members from Great Britain
100 from the Continent come over & are to be
for four weeks the guests of our Committee
and visit Pittsburg. after which part will
go to Lake Superior & part to Alabama. The
preliminary meetings will be held in this city.