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The Grand Pacific Hotel,

JNO B. DRAKE & CO. PROPRIETORS.

Chicago, Feb. 15th 1883

My dear Father,

I leave
tonight for St Louis
en route for a two
or three weeks trip in
Texas. — a somewhat
sudden but I trust
a very pleasant &
profitable alteration
in my previous plans.

Mr. Vernon whom
I accompany is
well provided with
letters of introduction

2) Gases etc. and
is himself a very
pleasant companion.
We hope to obtain
much valuable and
practical information
about this, which
after Granitobas is probably
the most progressive
rapidly developing
part of the continent.
I have no news at
present but shall write
from time to time of
our experiences. My
letters may still be
forwarded to Winnipeg
or if important to
the Grand Pacific Hotel
Chicago to which I shall
return in again passing