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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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My dear Father,

I have received from you today
proof of a lay paper of Upsham read at the
Victoria Institute, but without any intimation as to
what you wish me to do with it.

I have also received from the secretary of the Inst.
a note enclosing copies of Prentiss's paper with
an invitation to add to the discussion.

This I shall not do, as I have nothing useful
to say - nor have I been for the phenomena
& therefore would even to say that they do not
exist in regard to the examined.

The Secretary also invites me to become an
Ordinary Corresponding Member of the Inst., which
~~is a sort of~~ but I scarcely
think I shall consent as I understand the
Inst. is a sort of Trade Socy. with whose
operations I do not feel fully in sympathy. You

Night Museum let me know what you
think about this before I reply.

About the fossil plants - There is no hurry
about forwarding them up. When you do your
Night address them to me & I will endeavor
to see that they are properly looked after.

I think that your proposed list of literature
would be very useful, but I fear that it
may be a good deal of trouble to set up
& I don't think you should make a
part of doing it - for the P.S. unless you
find you have time easily.

There is I fear little chance that I shall get
down this week to Montreal for I was here
to go to Washington for a couple of days &
cannot well be out of the way till I know
whether & when it may be necessary. This of course
is private of the moment.

Do your letter to the editor refer me to any
publications in which one could find the dates of
beginning of various geological surveys. - N.Y.
& Pa. state surveys. British, French, German etc?

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C.M.P.

I have done my letter towards getting up a preliminary
edition or set, but see much printed by Mr. Kings, but
the reference I speak of ought to appear in connection with our
series - which is one of the most continuous ones I think

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