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My dear Father,

I have a note from son
& one from mother to acknowledge
& am glad to know that no one
has suffered seriously from the
exercises of the Golden Wedding.
At present I seem to be more than
usually busy & I have little
prospect of being able to visit
Montreal next Saturday, though
I should like to do so.

So far I have done nothing
about an address for the
B. A. A. S. meeting, feeling that

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N. S. Geology
fortunate it was ^{sent} ^{ahead} ^{of} ^{the} ^{main} ^{body} ^{of} ^{the} ^{work} ^{and} ^{did} ^{not} ^{require} ^{immediate} ^{action}. The other
day, however, I felt a note from
the Secretary, Griffith, stating that
the address should be sent to
him in England in time to be
printed, or put in print rather,
before the meeting 1.2. Early in
July at the latest. This has
caused me to give a few
moments of thought to the matter
at odd times, & it has seemed
to me that the Society & finally
under the circumstances an

Appropriate thing, would be to be content with
 giving a review of the ~~more~~ important advances
 in Canadian geology, of a general kind. This
 could be done in very short time in some sort of
 way & might of course be considerably elaborated
 if desired & found feasible. The only alternative
 worth consideration that has occurred to me is
 that of dealing with the Pre-Cambrian formations,
 summarizing the recent work done on them &
 discussing classification, original & proposed,
 partly from a historical point of view, beginning
 with Logan's original observations etc. The question
 about this is whether it would not follow too
 closely the direction of your paper at the last
 meeting - though it would of course not trench
 upon organic forms.

Would you kindly give me the benefit of your
 opinion on this matter, for I suppose I must
 pendulize myself by setting to work on something

get the kind! What folly it is to get into such a
 position. I have all my original notes on the
 Geology of the Shuswap region, new facts etc which
 I cannot find a moment to get at, also some
 very interesting facts about Pleistocene deposits & glacial
 deposits in the Cariboo region looked into in 1894
 but which may never be put in shape for
 publication — all quite unmitigated for the
 purposes of an "address".

I trust that you will not take any liberties with

yourself in the way of disks, soon now
 that the fine spring weather is coming on, &
 that winter also will avoid any temptation to
 fatigue.

I have given a little time of late to looking into the
 evidences about Pitkin Co. etc geology, but find it
 very difficult. It seems that quite unconformably below
 the Carboniferous limestones there comes a thick series
 of beds which have been mapped as upper & middle
 Devonian. These beds are conformable, the upper part
 being generally red beds, but with some grey, & often