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Prof Marsh

Am Harv. Ct.

My dear Sir -

In the  
midst of your Midwinter trip,  
& even since returning to your  
Galena home, had you  
remembered or have you  
forgotten your promise to  
us (Miss Barnette & myself) on the  
Rostrum of our magnificent  
High School Building.

The promise which was to  
materially <sup>aid</sup> us, our City &  
her youth, which was to  
start us with the nucleus  
of a Cabinet, Geological, Min-  
eralogical, fossiliferous & otherwise,  
you said you might get  
something for us on your trip,  
but the fact <sup>is</sup> it might. You said  
you had "thousands of

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Duplicate & triplicate specimens at fall,  
but you would give us -  
now there was a certain condi-  
tion, that Miss B or I should  
come to New Haven & look  
over & assort & select the spec-  
imens, now if Miss B could  
go, I have no doubt she  
would return (if she returned  
at all) abundantly laden  
with fossils of all kinds partly  
for herself & partly for us -  
but poor Miss B has met  
with a very severe accident  
she was receiving from James  
Cullisworth Mrs. Nightingale  
and passing a stone in the  
afternoon, the tube of her  
dress caught fire & she  
barely escaped with her  
life - she is suffering much  
but will be over in a few

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weeks, to resume her work.  
It was a sad affair, but  
there is consolation, in the  
fact, that no visible face  
scars remain. Her arms  
& shoulders were much injured.  
She is at ex-Gov. Saunders house  
& receives the kindest of attention.  
I hope you will fulfill  
the promise made to me,  
without insisting upon our  
Company. You will confer  
a great favor upon me personally,  
& also upon the City & all her  
youth, who are depending for a  
good Education. Please write  
me what you can do.

And greatly  
Oblige yours Truly

A. S. Nightingale  
Supt