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Introductory

(To whomsoever may it read)

On the first day of January 1891 I saw fit to keep a record of the inside workings at Wind cave, and, acting with the thought, I started a daily record which I called (perhaps familiarly) "The private account of A. T. Mc. Donald permanent guide of Wind Cave". It was attended to pretty regular until the busy season "opened up" and then (through negligence) it was not attended to but little, and, as a consequence I will be obliged to describe some of my exploring trips taken last year to make a connection with trips made this year and those of last year that are recorded. My intention this year is to keep a correct account of the development and explorations of Wind Cave or any other caverns that fortune favors me to be exploring in. By the word "exploring" I mean "finding cavities that no human beings have yet discovered.

Respectfully yours

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