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Monday March 9th 1891

8:45 in cave	10:10	Sompson's Palace Route 1 trip
1:35 in cave		Snow Ball Route 1 trip

I got at 6:30 this morning (an uncommon incident) at 9:00 a.m J. F. Moore, M.A. Moore, Elmer & I went in the cave to get specimens & explore the Geode Hall Division of the Sompson's Palace Route. When we got juste the other side of "Sparkin Alley" M.A. Moore climbed up in a crevice after his hammer and chisel which he left at that place last night. When we got to Rae's Misery J. F. Moore stopped to get a load of calcite crystals which I & Father had left at that place for whoever might think that they was worth carrying out. When we had passed the west end of summer avenue about 150 feet & got into our first climb I discovered a fine ledge of Wind Cave Marble the first that has been discovered in that division of the Route. When we arrived at the second room of any note we read the following incription:

Flats
Tallen
Sompsons Palace Route

T. L. McAdam
Robert McAdam
A. F. McDonald
1890
Discovered this room on the 25th day of October

Geode Hall Branch

this being the date that the way was discovered around the Giants Causeway (then known as the fall). When we got into the next room I left M.A. Moore & Elmer while I went on an exploring trip for my own benefit. Going to the left of this room I came into a place that there were a great many geodes and plenty of mud. I left the place intending to explore it further some other time. We got to Geode Hall in good shape but had "bad luck", finding geodes that were filled with mud. Elmer soon left M.A. Moore & I to make his way out of the cave,