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Dear ancient ally and friend,

It is, we say, "an ill wind
that blows nobody good"; and
thus I hope that the Wiclička
misshap will attract ^(attention to) more
the importance of geology and its
cultivators, and perhaps do
a permanent good with regard
to education for mining officers.

I have sent you by post the
Prospectus of our School for the
present session 1893-4, which will



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give full replies to most of the questions which you asked of me as to the "personal," the connection with the geological survey, & the subjects taught. One thing you must bear in mind, that there are no official posts to be given away to the students who pass with us, and therefore we great incentives; absent as compared with all continental countries, where the men are more or less under government control. The number of students are therefore comparatively small;

but in taking the average of the 16 years during which we have been at work, I find that the students annually entered for passing regularly through the course to get general certificates is 14; the number of these who bear particular subjects only, and (as a general rule) do not offer themselves for examination, is 70. Total annual av. of 84. A good many of these have become very excellent recruits for the geological survey at home, as well as for various colonial surveys, e.g. the Blanford's in India, Gould who has the direction in Tasmania,

Wall, who wrote in Trinidad, drew
who is with the Maharajah of Kashmir.
A few have gone into coal-mining as
"viewers" on a good scale, having after
passing their examinations served an
apprenticeship / a Vermessung in fact
to some leading coal viewer.

Prof. Dress has written me the other
day on the matter and I send him
by post some more particulars.

It was very interesting to me
to read Fötterle's account of the
accident yr. and I only hope that
out of evil may come good!

When will you ever come & see us
again? if you don't soon I shall have to
come out to Vienna; but I have been
waiting for my two little boys to be able to
run about & do without their mother first, as
I want her to go with me. Best wishes to all friends.
Yours very sincerely W.W. Smythe.



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