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A Record of The
Exploring trips taken in
the year

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BY

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Love Friendship Truth L. F. & T. IN THE D. A. Y. W. B. do as you would be done by

WIND CAVE So., DAK.

NAMES OF ROUTES

BEEHIVE	Route	1
SPECIMEN	"	2¼
GUIDE'S DISCOVERY	Route	8¼
CRYSTAL	"	10¼
SNOW BALL	"	1½
CATARACT	"	6
WIND RIVER CIRCLE	—	8½
*SAMPSON'S PALACE	Route	4½
MONUMENT HALL	"	¾
*HIGH	"	7
*CASTLE GARDEN	"	13
COLLESIUM	"	5

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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. Donold 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

Z. U. Q.

P. S.

For the meaning of these initials or any other initials used in the pages of this book, inquire of the guide of any of the celebrated Caverns of America

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Castle Garden Route

January 15th

About 9 o'clock Y.X.J. and I started to the Chamber of bells for a load of geodes, mostly small to medium.

The Chamber of Bells is the room in which the left arm of the route branches. In the first room the other side of the Chamber of Bells Y.X.J. found a crevice leading to the South East. I went in as far as my piece of candle would permit and not only found a beautiful little room but found that the passage had good indications of being extensive. I went in the new place about 200 feet as near as I could judge. The specimens were mostly box work.

The High Route

January 17th

At 9:45 A.M. My Father, my smaller brother & I started to Grand View after frost work. At the East end of the Diamond Mine I found a passage leading to the main circle near the Recovered Paradise, by making this discovery I am now enabled to make a complete circle around "Grand View".

I also discovered a passage leading from the "White Rose Chamber" but I did not have time to explore it to my satisfaction for we had no more than enough lights to last us to the entrance.

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Crystal Route

February 14th

I ~~been~~ was very busy for the last 3 weeks improving the Sampson's Route. & ~~therefore~~ had no time to explore. While blasting in the North Dressing Room yesterday I opened a hole that seemed very deep ~~because~~ as I could not hear a stone strike bottom for ~~quite a while~~ a long time after I threw it down. There is a strong current of air going down it. My curiosity was excited &, this morning I & 3 companions took over 100 feet of rope & explored it. I went down first and found a water-worn-channel leading North-west on the Main crevice Y. X. J. came down & together we went about 300 or 350 feet in the crevice & found it to be very pretty, but difficult to explore on account of small holes.

March 12th

Sampson's Palace Route.

Father & I finished the "oven" this evening. I am not a bit sorry that it is through with, in fact I had begun to get tired of it for it hindered the ~~progression of~~ finishing development for about 5 weeks. We now have the "oven" so that we can walk through it by stooping & it ~~may~~ need more improvement at some future date but at present it is ~~very good~~ in good shape, considering other ~~powers~~ farther on