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1209 Washington St Boston Aug 2. '79

President Rogers.

My dear Sir

I should have made an earlier reply to your kind letter which came duly to hand had I not thought it more than likely I should see you at Newport today. I came from New York last night and tried to stop over at Newport but the limited ticket which I had purchased in New York would then be of no value to me, so I concluded to come directly to Boston and write you a note from here. As to the apparatus in the Institute, I would like to use the Wheatstone's Bridge, Thompson's Galvanometer and shunt with the lamp for throwing rays of light, and battery. I would like to use the small foot-lathe, for winding or rewinding some spools

of wire. I would also like the use of a tin tank in the laboratory, and small Galvanometer which I purchased for the Institute under direction of Prof Pickering. These with what I now have will be all I shall require at first and if I am in need of other pieces will let you know what they are. I should like to use the apparatus on the mornings of Thursday, Friday & Saturday. If however these mornings are desired by any one else using the same apparatus I will change to others, or the afternoon. Professors Ordway and Richards also Mr Ruggles send many kind regards and good wishes for your welfare. Please remember me to Mrs Rogers who I hope is well

Sincerely Yours

A. D. Blodgett

1209 Washington St. Boston Aug 2.

Mr. Editor Pilgrim

My dear Sir

I should have made an earlier reply to your kind letter which came duly to hand. I just thought it more like kind I should see you at Northampton. I came from New York last night and tried to stop over at Northampton - the Institute hotel which I had heard was in Mrs Lyon's hands then to if no value to me, so I concluded to come directly to Boston and write you a note from here. As to the afternoon in the Institute, I would like to see the interesting Judge, thousands whomever can show visit the Institute for throwing any of light, and letting. I would like to see the small portrait, for painting or sketching some of

of note. I would also like the use of a fire place in the laboratory, and small laboratory which I procured for the Institute under direction of Prof Fickering. These with what I now have will be all I shall require at first - and if I am in need of other pieces will let you know what they are. I should like to see the exhibition on the morning of Thursday, Friday & Saturday. If however there morning are claimed by my one else seeing the same exhibition I will change to other or the afternoon. Reference Dickens and Pickards are Mr Fuggles and young Hand & Appleton. Thank you very much for your trouble - Please remember me to Mrs Pilgrim when I hope to well

Sincerely Yours

A.D. Richards

Montreal Aug. 6. 1878

My dear Prof. Rogers

I have to thank you for your kind letter of August 1 – I am very glad that I shall have an opportunity of seeing you at Saratoga, whither I expect to take Mrs. Hunt. and am charmed with the prospect of meeting there Prof. Geikie whose presence will be welcomed by many. I presume this is Prof. A Geikie & not his brother, Geikie was, I have heard, a great loser by the Glasgow Bank. As to the Geological Congress of Bologna I propose to bring up the matter before the Am. Assoc. Adv. Science & shall be glad to undertake to forward names and fees for the American members. The work of arranging & classifying

my books, pamphlets & papers. The gathering of 30 years, & the getting my library in order has busied me for some weeks & still occupies me. I have had little leisure for scientific work and it will be October before I can hope for an opportunity to resume my Pennsylvania Report.

I have an excellent library room with good light and also a good place for a chemical laboratory in the attic storey, where I hope to do some work next winter.

As regards Moebius on Eozoon I have seen the original but not the late notice of it in Nature. In a letter from Prof. Renard of Brussels (who as you are aware is now making the Mineralogical Examinations for the Challenger Expedition) dated July 12 he says: "Le travail de Moebius sur l'Eozoon a produit ici une certaine sensation; on croyait l'affaire tranchée quand la note de M. Dawson est venu de nouveau la remettre sur pied. On dit que M. Carpenter est en train de travailler le même sujet. Pour mon compte quoique je n'ai pas le droit de parler de cette question, mon opinion est acquise à ceux qui defendront l'origine organique de l'Eozoon. J'ai tant vu de plaques de calcaire depuis deux ans. Et je me suis assez exercé à discerner une structure organique ~~pour~~ de ce qui ne l'est pas pour penser que jamais je n'ai rencontré dans le type d'une roche tout à fait azoïque une structure comme celle de l'Eozoon vue dans les préparations types que vous avez eu l'obligeance de me communiquer."

The judgement of

Renard will carry great weight.

I have just had a charming letter from Daubrée with a copy of his volume recently published. Etudes Synthétiques de Géologie Expérimentale – Part 1. It is a precious contribution to science.

The Duke of Argyle's visit to Montreal was very short & I was not well, so that I had not like yourself the advantage of seeing him. He spent but a day but visited the Geological Museum.

My wife is now at Portland for the sea bathing or she would thank you for your kind remembrance of her.

Please present my best respects to Mrs Rogers and believe me with great respect

Very faithfully Yours

T. Sterry Hunt

Prof. W. B. Rogers

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,
COR. BERKELEY AND BOYLSTON STS.,
Boston, Mass., Aug 6 1879

My dear Sir

Dr Gray suggests that I should ask you to see Prof. Rogers or your committee (I suppose you are both in Newport), & find if he can propose a geological subject for the next Walker Prize. As we have given both geological & botanical subjects, it would seem

will be in if he can meet with better success in geological topics. I would, personally, suggest that the subject be not too abstruse as the funds are so small.

If you do not find a suitable geological question, I will at once advertise the one you propose in your note to Dr Gray; as he agrees to that, or

I may say this now.

Yours truly
Edward Forbes

To
Alex Agassiz, Esq.

Dear Mr Rogers

Can you not suggest a geological subject for the Walker prize. Botany & Biology have been pretty well drawn upon the last years so that a change would be nice. I will stop in some day and we can talk the matter over unless you have something which you can send me at once - I had suggested the listing of our domesticated animals cat, dog, pig, pigeon, chicken from the time it is born until it attains its full growth

Yours
A S Packard.

Mrs Hoffer's
Fishers Isl. New London, Conn.
August 11. 1879

Prof. W. B. Rogers

My dear Sir

It is undoubtedly desirable at the April meeting of the Stat. Acad, for the Council to announce the time & place of the Autumn meeting. But at the close of the meeting last April, we had none of our N.Y. or Phil.a members to consult with & the subject was deferred.

It will be well for you & the other members of the Council in Newport to initiate a proposition, & I will obtain the consent of those in Washington.

I suppose N.Y. will generally be preferred to Phil.a; still the latter place should be selected occasionally. The 1st or 2d week in

in Nov. has been selected for the last two or three years. The convenience of College Profs. should be considered.

Very truly yours
J. H. C. Coffin

Dear Prof. Coffin

Your letter of the 11th is just rec'd. ~~Not today, he~~ I have written Sebbs Agassiz & Rogers, ~~to unite in favorable~~ expressing opinion that it would be best to hold the ~~and~~ next Anniversary of the Acad. in Phila. ~~and~~ for usual time in Nov. I shall ~~write~~ Henry, the day of the meeting ~~—~~ ~~But~~ not knowing that I shall be present. I have already written to Profs. Baird - Marsh - & Newcomb to this effect - asking them ~~to vote for them~~ ~~to which~~ to vote for the Institution - Lodging - & I am now writing to Prof. Bond for the same purpose.

Yours

If you can get the Prof. of Math to come to Philadelphia let me know

Keene Flats. Essex Co. N.Y.
(Care of Mr Smith Beede)
Aug 12. 1879.

My Dear Mr. Rogers.

Travelling is not favorable to serious letter-writing, and though I have now been in this paradise three or four days, I have only just got through my pile of importunate correspondence so as to come to my letter to Mr Lévarg. Please read it and if you approve of what I have said forward it to him. If you can send with it a line from yourself of personal respect and good will, so that he may feel that he is being

respectfully considered, I think it will gratify him very much and soothe his wounded spirit.

Meantime I will review my tabular view, and see just how times and seasons can be adjusted to this new departure.

I wrote to Harlow that you were much pleased with his letter and would bring his scheme to the consideration of your committee, but that there were certain difficulties and embarrassments about it which ~~it~~ would perhaps prove it to be impracticable.

To Johnston I wrote that there was no doubt he could have a free place in the school for the next year, doing a certain amount of work for me as an equivalent, if he desired it.

I did not say anything to Alden about doing work for me, not knowing what you might have said. Perhaps with these two fellows I could get along without having Mr Underwood's work get behind hand. But it will make a very hard winter for me, especially if I do outside lecturing to make up my $250.— as I must do if opportunity offers. I wish Mr Lowell would give me another course of lectures next year, as, after four years, I think he might. Then I should not feel so poor.

I wonder if there is any chance of giving some Johns Hopkins popular lectures in Baltimore. That would be a godsend.

Please make my best regards to Mrs. Rogers, and believe me yours very truly

W. P. Wade.

YALE COLLEGE MUSEUM,

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Aug. 14th, 1879.

Dear Professor Rogers,

In reply to your note of the 12th inst. it seems to me that at the April meeting the Council voted to meet in New York, in October, if I remember correctly. Hilgard or Coffin could give you the official record. I only recall the general fact. The date was not

announced in general session.
New York is very convenient
for the meeting. But
after Barnard's action
on the Weights and
Measures' business, I
think Columbia College
not a very pleasant place.

I am here hard at
work on my Address for
the Association at
Saratoga on the 27th inst.

With kind regards to Mrs.
Rogers. I remain,

Yours very truly
O. C. Marsh.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

Provincetown, Mass.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16, 1879.

Dear Professor

I find yours of the 12th on my return from a short run to Washington on business.

I am happy to say that I have recovered from the attack that troubled me when in New York.

It is perfectly agreeable to me to have the meeting in Philadelphia at the time indicated.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in Newport about the beginning of October, I remain

Very truly yours.

S F Baird

Prof. Wm B. Rogers
Newport.
Rhode Island.

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Columbia College,
New York.

President's Room, Aug. 16, 1879.

My Dear Professor,

Your note of the 13th reached me only last evening. At the last meeting of the Academy held in New York, there was an unanimous expression of opinion that it is advisable to hold the autumn meetings always in New York, as the spring meetings are held always in Washington. Though the meeting seemed to

was not a business meeting; and this expression of opinion did not therefore take the form of a resolution, I had supposed that it had fixed the policy of the Academy on this question for the future and I was not therefore surprised when the newspapers announced last April that the Academy had adjourned to meet in November in New York. Whether the announcement was correct or not I do not know, as I was not present at the final session.

The reasons which led to the expression of opinion I have referred to were 1st that New York is a point which persons who come from a great distance always desire to visit before they return to their homes; and 2dly, that it is the residence of a large number of members, the majority of whom are confined by their professional engagements in November, besides being accessible to about as many more, at New Haven, at Princeton at Nyack, &c., who can reach the city in a few hours and can attend here when they could not go further. Among those of these two classes may be counted a majority of those who have heretofore taken an active interest in the Academy & attended its

meetings. They embrace in all about one third part of the total membership of the Academy. It seems to me to be wise to consider this convenience.

The constitution empowers the council to designate the place of the autumn meeting. If a majority of the council favor Philadelphia, that, of course, must be the place. For my own part, for the reasons above stated, I desire to be recorded in favor of New York.

Yours, Very Sincerely,

F. A. P. Barnard.

Prof. W. B. Rogers.

Thos Coffin's, Fishers Is.
Stonington, Conn., Aug. 16, 1873

Prof. W. B. Rogers

My dear Sir

I have written to Gen Meigs & Prof. A. Bache respecting an Autumn meeting of the National Academy of Sciences as requested in your letter of the 13th.

I presume a "scientific session" restricted to papers & biographical memoirs is intended.

Very truly yours
J. H. C. Coffin

Nautical Almanac Office,
Navy Department,
Oak Bluffs Washington, Aug 17 1879

Dear President Rogers,

Your kind note of the 11th reached me here, where I have been spending a few days with my family, preparatory to visiting Cambridge and Saratoga.

I have no choice respecting the place of the autumn meeting of the academy. I believe when N.Y. was preferred it was to suit the convenience

of eastern members, but if they agree to Philadelphia I see no objection to it.

I believe the time has to be fixed to suit the arrangements of colleges, and have no choice in the matter.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you at Saratoga on Aug 27th, but hardly expect to remain more than a couple of days at the meeting. Hoping that you are in good health and with best respects to Mrs Rogers I remain

Yours very truly

Simon Newcomb

Prest William B. Rogers

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY.

Aug 21 1879

List of Students who were conditioned in logic in May 79.

(X)

3d Year

Mr William T. Almy
Mr John H. Ross.

1st Year

Mr. Edward R. Adams
" Winslow B. Ayer
" James E. Chapman
(Low standing in all ") Charles J. A. Wardwell
(Low in Chemistry & Mathematics) Charles D. Wentworth
Suspended till this year } Frederic B. Cochran

Robert H. Richards, Sec.

Adams failed in Engin - Chem - French - cannot pass into 2d year advised to repeat 1st year

Ayer - "If he makes up French and Logic will be excused from Chemistry, and can then take course I"

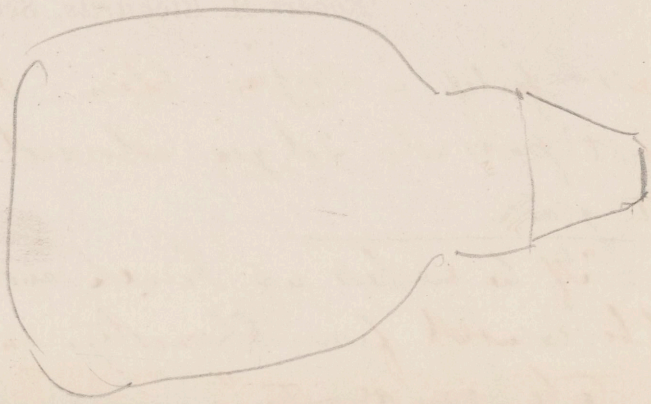
Chapman" Cannot enter the 2d year; advised to make up Plane Geometry and repeat the 1st year".
Failed in Foreign - Chem - Logic

1/3/94

4/21/94
20/94

Dear Dr. — In reply to your favor of the 17th, which has just reached me — I say in reply that I shall be in Boston ~~on Wednesday~~ - probably - Friday next - but certainly on Wednesday - ~~when I shall be happy to call at the Dr's office in the Prof.~~ Where I shall be happy to see you. As to men the ~~Prof~~ Chairman of the Faculty Prof. Atkinson can give you ~~full~~ information in regard to the School of Theol. Lit. - ~~which perhaps~~ you will find Dr Seelye, as early as Monday of Commencement —

Yours very truly W.H.R.



Naval Observatory,

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19 1879

Professor J. H. C. Coffin

Home Sec. Nat. Acad. Sciences

Dear Sir:

I agree to a meeting of the Nat. Academy of Sciences at Philadelphia in November.

Struve is here, and after a long rain we have some clear sky. Last night he examined several

objects with our 26 inch glass and was well pleased, I think. I hope he will stay until we have one good night, when we will show him the planets in a way he never saw them in Pulkova. The Ring of Saturn has opened out much since last year, and last night Hyperion was well seen.

I hope you are in good health.

Yours truly

A. Hall

Mrs Prof Gerlis, Fishers Isl
New London, Conn.
Aug. 20. 1879

Prof. W. B. Rogers

My dear Sir

I send herewith the assent of Gen Meigs & Prof. Hale to a scientific session of the Nat. Acad. of Sciences in Philadelphia in November.

I have already signified my own assent.

Please let me know the place of the meeting.

Very truly yours

J. H. C. Coffin

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HARVARD COLLEGE
OBSERVATORY.

Cambridge, 23 Aug. 1879

Professor William B Rogers

Dear Sir

In reply to your kind invitation, I have the honor to inform you that in fact I hope I shall attend the meeting at Saratoga next week. With the prospect of having the gratification of seeing you there, I beg leave to subjoin that at this moment I am still somewhat uncertain about my further movements in this country and therefore not yet in the position to tell you exactly if or when I shall be able to avail myself of your friendly invitation to see you at Newport.

Respectfully yours

Otto Struve

OFFICE OF THE U.S.
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Aug 30, 1879.

Prof. Wm B. Rogers;
United States Hotel,
Saratoga, N.Y.

My dear Professor Rogers;

My telegraphic answer to your inquiry is based upon my personal recollection of the action taken by the Council; Prof. Boffin being absent and beyond my reach, I have not access to the record. My recollection, however, is confirmed by that of the reporter. The time and place of the Autumn session is entirely within the control of the Council, and although

it was agreed upon that a scientific session should be held in New York commencing on the last Tuesday in October, or (my recollection is not quite certain) - on the first Tuesday in November, it still remains open for the Council to name any other time and place so long as the announcement has not been made to the Academy.

The Home Secretary of the Academy, Professor Coffin is at Fisher's Island, Conn.. For my own part, although not a member of the Council at the present time, I should be glad to have the Autumn session in New York in the last week in October -

I regret very much that circumstances have prevented me from meeting you at Saratoga.

With great regard
Yours truly
J. E. Hilgard

Newport Sept. 10. 1879

Dear Prof. Howison

In view of the Change that has been made in the Institute Course — the Com on the School have voted ~~that~~ to dispense with the re-examination in Logic of the Students who have completed the Studies prior to May last.

This will of course relieve you from the trouble of attending the extra examination ~~now near~~

now near at hand

& will I take for granted be what you wished proper.

I am glad to see the notices of your proposed Course & most heartily wish you the fullest success with them

Believe me yours faithfully

William B.R.

This was sent to Willoughby & Co. Vt. & a duplicate to Ordway to be taken at Inst. for Him made to hear on his return home.

Look after the Papers relating
Crown S.C. in regard to Plankle

Meeting of Corp. Sept. 10.

1. E. S. Phegan's letter about dressing of Bot. River, funds for doing same. ~~[illegible]~~ Modified by later action - Resend. Let Corp. & Wardens receive same as last year.

2. Confirmation of vote of Corp. in Sch. about conditions in Lease.

3. Do. of Mr. Moulton & Assoc. of Sc. for next August.

4. Re-eligibility of Chairman by Tax.

5. Provision of Salary for Bursar

6. Presidency. fees long confirmed last June.

Mr. Dawes 1 Mr. Boles

Business -
1. Seam Indian Village
2. E. W. Gilmore & Mrs. & Gilmore
3. Jones Alsa Qwyn
at the Bellevue
4. 817 Pressgrove St.
5. Bachelor.

Newport Sept 12. 1879

My dear Prof. Atkinson

I have delayed replying to your letter of the 1st. inst. from a desire to learn how far it might be practicable to provide your department with adequate assistance. But I am sorry to say that I see no hope of our being able to do so at this time, unless we should have a very large increase of the incoming Class.

For the present year therefore I am sure you will serve the Institute best by concentrating your efforts, as you say,

By this limitation of your field you can do Methodize your labours as to do yourself better justice at the same time that you lighten the burden of your tasks

or the regular Classes, and by confining your work to the strictly literary subjects & exercises of the Department. ~~Attack you may be as much disposed to lighten the burden of your tasks.~~

Hoping soon to see you, believe me Yours faithfully

William B Rogers

~~P.S.~~ I am under the impression that Mr. Rogs intends to have his Son John intermit his course at the Inst. for the next year and pass the time in learning something of practical business. But you will have become acquainted with his plans, by your proposed visit.

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My dear Sir

I have a dispatch from Dr. Folsom, saying that he was unable to get away today – So I shall not have the pleasure of bringing him to see you tomorrow as proposed.

I notice in today's "Advertiser" a letter from Prof. W. R. Nicholls pricking Angell's bubble

which he blew with so much care at Saratoga the other day. It is quite refreshing to see how bare facts upset such hobby riders.

Yours truly,

Edw S. Philbrick

Coddington Point Saty P.M.
Sept. 13th '79

Beverly Farms -
Sept. 13. 1879

My dear Prof. Rogers,

Do you know of any very good tutor, especially qualified to fit a boy of eighteen, or thereabouts, for the Institute of Technology? -

I have written to make inquiries about one fine teacher, but I fear that he and the majority of tutors, are especially qualified to fit boys for Harvard

classics, and this boy is especially behind-hand in all English studies -

He is a very lovable, good fellow, not stupid, I think but not studiously inclined -

He was too ill all through his boyhood to go to school and when his health improved, his father, who had set his heart upon sending his son to Harvard, procured him a tutor who has succeeded, at the end of two years, in making his pupil

hate Latin and Greek - The tutor backed that "something" which commands respect and personal interest - His pupil is too young a gentleman to attempt to take advantage of this, but he needed more tact and stimulus -

I am not asking for anyone to examine him, but where there is no competition to excite his ambition, he needs a teacher of character and general culture, to make his studies interesting to him, an inspiring teacher -

As the lad thought he should like to study architecture eventually, his father, Mr. Edward Motley, went to the Institute the other day and consulted with Prof. Ware. I presume it is through his advice that the it has been decided to send Preble Motley to the Institute, and now his parents are anxious to get a perfect tutor for this winter! Preble is delighted with the idea of going to the Institute -

I hope I am not giving you too much trouble -

[9/13/1879]

I feel as though Mrs. Rogers must hate everyone who obliges you to write an extra note, you have so much to do.

I hope you have had a restful summer. It seems a great while since I have seen you.

Annette Rogers had been having the gayest time, making the Putnams a visit, at their "Shanty" in the Adirondacks.

Everyone renews their

youth there, by acting as
though they were not more
than five years old and
laughing more than they
have done for years before.
I hope that you and
Mrs. Rogers have been
very youthful too, or very
lazy. You looked so tired
when I last saw you.
With warm regards to
Mrs. Rogers, I am
Yrs most sincerely
Marian Howes

My Dear Mrs. Norris.

I was gratified to hear from your letter rec'd. last evening, & hope it may be in my power to ~~give a satisfactory~~ send you at once a satisfactory reply at once. But I shall have not time to write seriously to Miss Mathews enquiring of the Prof. & elsewhere, to find for such a Tutor for young Mosley as you describe. ~~But~~ as you will understand, it is much easier to find the Knowledge & accomplishments than it is to find the sympathetic temperament (& conscientiousness for a) essential in such a case.

~~After~~ My return to Boston if not before I shall hope to see young Mosley & Gracie, glad to give him such aid as may be in my power.

We have had a pleasant & beautiful December, varied by a

that went to Saratoga - during the Meeting of the Am. Scientific Assoc^n. - & then we had to submit to the discomforts of great heat but weather - & a healthy crowd, but upon our way home we gave ourselves a day of delicious tranquility ~~and the same~~ ~~day~~ ~~the Lake~~ in one of the loveliest spots, on the shore of Saratoga.

When we are among congenial neighbors, & with ~~them~~ some ~~enjoyed the pleasure of~~ Mr. W. B. Rogers & family from our Kindly Circle - then often it has been with wishing that good friends might always ~~we be near~~ ~~neighbors~~ ~~in~~ be near neighbors.

I trust my dear Mrs. Henry that the season has brought you to healthful rest & enjoyment. We have often thought of you & ~~only~~ regretted that ~~the distance~~ you were too far away to allow us the pleasure ~~of a visit~~ of driving over to see you, which we should so much delight to do.

We ~~hope~~ ~~to~~ expect, however, to come down to Newport, for a few days - when leaving on first engagements we shall desire to have News of your health -

Hoping ~~that~~ ~~you~~ may be to ~~be~~ the fortune of seeing you at least as good health as benefit to you have in the City - I remain dear Mrs. H.

Yours faithfully
W. B. R.

Newport Sept. 12. 79.

Dear Amos.

I have spoken

Willoughby Lake House,
West Burke, Vermont,
Sept. 14, 1899.

My dear President Rogers:

Your esteemed favor, informing me of the Committee's vote in the matter of students conditioned in Logic, is at hand.

Let me thank you for the kind interest you have expressed in regard to my proposed lectures on philosophy. Would it not very likely be of great service to my project, and to my standing before the public, if you were to make some public statement, in this connection, of the character of my work in the Institute, and of the estimate put

on it by the faculty and the corporation? Could such a step meet your approval, it seems to me that a note from you, printed in the Advertiser, would be of great weight, and would not only call attention in a most emphatic way to the probable quality of the work I am offering to the public, but relieve me at once and finally of that possibility of the public's misconstruing the fact of my leaving the Institute to which, otherwise, I fear I am all too much exposed.

Believe me, my dear Sir,
Yours most sincerely,
G. H. Houston

Pres. Wm. B. Rogers.

Answered Sept. 17

[ca. Sept. 15, 1879]

UNITED STATES HOTEL

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J. L. PERRY.
L. H. JANVRIN.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 187

Prof. Wm B. Rogers

Dear Sir

As I expected to meet you at Saratoga (you and I being on one of the Committees) I put off writing.

I have secured for the Library of the Mass. Inst. of Technology the Portfeuille de l'Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées (the new edition of 1870) which has been obtained at my solicitation. I expected to present it at the ~~first~~ annual meeting of the Society of Arts, but if you desire, I will send it as soon

return to Boston and are ready to receive it

Very truly yours

Wm Watson

X

Newport Sept. 17. 79

Dear Prof Hoverson.

Your letter of the 14th reached me last evening & in reply I send after the inclosed paragraph, which will I think prevent the possible misconstruction to which you refer & will assure the public of the esteem in which your knowledge & abilities are held by all connected with the Institute.

Let me know how you like the statement & in what connection or under what heading you would like to have it published.

Yours faithfully
William B Rogers.

P.S. I have not had an opportunity of showing what I have written to the members of the Corpn. or the School but shall do so before allowing it to be printed.

Prof. J. H. Hoverson

University of Virginia
19 Sept 1879.

My dear Mr. Rogers.

Your letter of the 16th inst. reached me yesterday. I have taken pleasure in transcribing for Gen. Cullum the enclosed Extracts from the Minutes of our Faculty. They comprise all I could find relating to the death of my dear teacher and friend Prof Courtenay. I have copied them literally, not even correcting a slight inaccuracy of Dr Cabell's (if my recollection of school-boy studies be not at fault) in his short classical quotation. I think Horace wrote "ac" not "et". Nor did I omit the salutation at the end of your own letter, for it is all on the record.

I wish I knew the reason why the memorial discourse was not delivered, as I am sure it was not.

I do not know whether Gen Cullum's attention has been directed to a pleasing sketch of Mr Courtenay's character by the late Prof. Davies, his preceptor and warm personal friend, in the

preface to Courtenay's Calculus.

Of course, it is not necessary for Gen. Cullum to return these sheets, as they were copied for him.

Pray tell Mr. Rogers that as Harry is no great Bibliographer, I have most gladly undertaken for him, the search for the pamphlet. He wrote to Mr Rogers, the day before your letter came, to assure her he had not forgotten her request. I had previously examined the manuscript Catalogue of the Library (prepared since 1858, and the fullest one we have), in all the portions where such a pamphlet would be entered; but in vain. The Librarian, (acting for Mr Webster who has since arrived), can give me no information I find. I have not the least doubt that the pamphlet is in the Library, however, and I will persevere in the search for it.

I find no Report of yours among the papers of the Board of Visitors for 1844–5. These papers however show unmistakeable signs, in their mutilation and imperfection, of great neglect, on the part of their custodian.

I do find however in the Faculty records of Apl 29. 1845, a copy of what appears to be virtually a circular prepared by the Chairman (yourself) to the parents and guardians of students of the institution, in regard to the riots of that session. It occurred to me, that as this was obviously printed for distribution, it may possibly be the pamphlet referred to. Will Mrs Rogers be so good as to tell me whether my conjecture is correct? If not, she may be able to give me some details about the desired paper, which would serve as a clue. I beg her to believe that I have become greatly interested in finding this missing brochure, for the sake of our library, and that it will be a pleasure to me, of which I trust she will not deprive me, to persevere the search for it.

Prof Fontaine has not yet appeared on the ground. When he does I will find out whether he received your letter of Congratulation, or not, I feel sure he would prize such a greeting from you.

I learn that he has prepared a very handsome introductory lecture, of an elementary kind, having abandoned, it is said, in consequence of the advice of friends his first intention of writing a severely technical thesis. On some accounts, I regret this decision, as the essay will be printed, doubtless, it would in the end have done us and him more good, I think, had he adhered to his first intention.

Harry returned greatly improved in health as well as in knowledge, and full of gratitude for the kindness of Mrs Rogers and yourself, as well as other friends in Newport. Her mother (who is now in New York with our little afflicted daughter) and myself feel new cause of thankfulness to you for your goodness to our son. We are happy to think that, from his industry and faithfulness, he will, if he lives, show himself worthy of your favor.

very cordially yours J. H. Smith

Willoughby Lake House, West Burke, Vt.
Sept. 20. 1879.

My dear President Rogers:

Your more than kind letter, and enclosed Statement, are at hand.

With regard to your question of the heading or connection under which I would like to have it published, I confess, now that it is before me, that I am somewhat at a loss to answer definitely, in such a way, at any rate, as to give a heading or connection in which the matter would not seem abrupt or formal.

My idea was that there would be, not a semi-official announcement, but a commendatory reference, with your signature, to the course of Lectures I have proposed; in the course of which the estimate put upon my work in the Institute would be alluded to; and this, I had thought, could be properly and naturally enough printed as a "Communica-

tion" in the editorial columns of the Advertiser, with some matter-of-course title such as — "Professor Hovison's Lectures", or something similar.

If I were to suggest any change whatever in the present statement, it would be that the ~~statement~~ language regarding the separation from the Institute might perhaps be less explicit, the article beginning with the second paragraph instead of the first, and the other matter being brought in secondarily by way of implication rather than ~~[illegible]~~ outright statement. Very likely, however, your judgment is better than mine in the case; and, at all events, I beg you will not put yourself to needless trouble on my account. Possibly, too, the whole thing is distasteful to you; in which case, I trust you will drop it altogether.

I beg to assure you of my hearty thanks, and remain, dear President, Yours most sincerely,

G. N. Hovison.

William B. Rogers, LL.D.

P.S. — I believe the copy of the statement, beginning that it was from interior, I forward to-

Union Club, Boston.
8 Park Street.

My dear Mr Rogers

Two capable young women graduates of the Bates Girls' High School will be glad to come to the Institute this winter and do work for me in lieu of their fees. I can employ them both to advantage and as they will cost the Institute nothing and will probably spend the day for paying female pupils from Broadway I see no objection to my engaging them both. They will attend all the operating of all my classes

this I shall require as a condition necessary to their intelligent examination of papers - and they will have to do extra reading for me. If they can attend other exercises of the school without interference with their duties in the English Dept. and I should think they could take one other study - they ought to be allowed to. If it is a privilege to me to have two such assistants, it may be offset by my willingness to assume Political Economy and other teaching which does not properly belong to me. I presume however that as no money payment is involved the Cont will not think it unreasonable. With this help I shall not only be able thoroughly to systematize the written work in all the classes and require more of it but I shall hope in the course of the winter to put in complete order and catalogue in my capacity as Librarian all the books of the Institute.

If I do not hear from you to the contrary I will assume that you approve of this arrangement which I have made,

Continuing in your approve - and shall begin with plans on Tuesday involving much more work on the students' part than I have hitherto been able to secure.

Truly and very truly
Yr
W. P. Atkinson

Apr 21. 79

P.S. My assistants will make use of my study. I have arranged with Prof Ordway not to have any change of the general reading-room beyond what is necessary for the proper oversight of the books.

Boston, Sept 22d 1879

Pres't Rogers

Dear Sir,

Prof Whitaker wishes to have the students in his department make some experiments with thermometers and steam, such as strictly belong to the Physical Laboratory. At first it looked as though it would be a small matter and I felt inclined to prepare for it. But on farther consideration I thought it ought to be referred to the Committee on the School. The expense will not be very large, but it involves a considerable amount of apparatus which cannot well be spared by the Chemical department, and it would be the best

to have a special set for the Mech. Eng. department. Whether the Committee would sanction the duplication of physical laboratories, and would authorize the necessary expenditure I am somewhat in doubt. I cannot afford to purchase the articles myself for the chemical department needs all the money it can get. It seems best to leave the matter to be acted on at the next meeting of the Committee.

Prof Richards and I went to the meeting of the Am. Inst. of Mining Engineers last week and had a very pleasant time. The time perhaps ought not to have been taken so near the beginning of the term. Still it seems important that we should have an occasional representation in a body to which we are contributing young members and among whom we may privately work for our own school.

Respectfully yours
John M. Ordway

University of Virginia

Septr 22nd 1879

Prof Wm B. Rogers

Dear Sir.

Your kind letter addressed to me on the occasion of my election to the chair of Nat. Hist., here was sent to Morgantown, after I had left there, and was forwarded to my address in Va, during my absence on a somewhat prolonged collecting and geologizing tour. This will account, in part, for my slowness in answering it, while another reason was, that I wished to finish my collections before writing, in order that I might give you anything of interest that I might find.

I have now completed my collections and examinations, made in large part in the Richmond Coal Field, and in the Upper

Mesozoic along the eastern border, and can now write some additional facts concerning them. But in the first place, I thank you very much for the interest that you have shown in my success and hope that I shall justify it.

I have met with great success in collecting plants in Chesterfield, especially at Clover Hill where I found many new plants and some splendid specimens of those you had described. I can put in our Museum an almost complete leaf, 30 inches long, of your Taeniopteris magnifolia. My plants from the Richmond Coal Field, confirm me more and more in the belief that the age of the beds is Rhaetic, or lower Lias.

I have collected a great number of fine plants from the Fredericksburg beds. I find there some Oolitic plants, many characteristic Wealden plants, and some plants found as yet only in the Lower Cretaceous of Europe. The age is evidently Wealden, with some Oolitic plants still surviving, and a few precursors of the Lower Cretaceous plants making their appearance. The most interesting plants that I find here are a new genus of Angiospermus, as I take it to be, if it is an Angiosperm. The Fredericksburg beds will yield the oldest plants in the world of this type, for as yet the oldest known is a single specimen from the Lower Cretaceous of Greenland

If after further examination I find this certainly to be an Angiospermous plant, I shall give myself the pleasure of naming it for you, your remarks on the plants at Fredericksburg first called my attention to this locality.

I hope very much that your health is good. Again thanking you I remain,

Very truly yours

Rowan Houston

Boston University,

President's Office, 20 Beacon Street,

Boston, Sept. 24th 1879.

My Dear Sir:

I called at your office this week hoping to see you in behalf of those members of our School of All Sciences who may desire to take special studies or an entire course in the Institute as a supplement to their College course. Our highest charge for tuition to these (graduate) students is

$100. for the year. I desired to ask whether it would be satisfactory to you & to the managers of the Institute to admit them to your existing regular classes in case the University would pay over to the Institute the entire $100 rec'd from the student.

In that way we could sometimes send you students who would not otherwise go to the Institute & as time goes on the number would be certain to increase. As

graduates in arts they would also be a very desirable class. If you are not to be in Town this Monday I will then call for your views. As we have two students who would like to enter under such an arrangement a little earlier answer would be welcome if you can give it without delay for consultation.

Hoping that you are comfortable & enjoying to the Institute of the new year I am ever

Sincerely yours

W. T. Warren

Prof. Wm. B. Rogers

Newport Sept 26. 79

I cannot reply definitely to the propn. contd in your note just rec'd until I shall know more of its details & shall then submit the Question to our Commission & Sch.

It will give me great pleasure to meet you at the Dist. at any time from 10½ to 12 O'clock tomorrow or on Monday next from 11 to 12. to talk with you on the subject.

With thanks for your good wishes which I cordially reciprocate — I am dear Sir

Yours very truly

W. B. R.

Pres. W. F. Warren
LLD

Newport Sept. 26. 79

My dear Sir

I ~~am unable to reply~~ cannot reply definitively to your note just rec'd, without a further knowledge of its details. ~~I have~~ I have conferred on the subject with the "Com. on the School".

I shall be very glad to meet you at the Dist. Att any time from 10½ to 12 O'clock tomorrow or ~~if you prefer at the same~~ on Monday next if more convenient to you, to talk with you on the subject.

Lowell Sept. 26. 1879.

My dear Sir,

Your note of the 25th inst. asking my opinion of Prof. Whittaker's qualifications as instructor in Mechanical Engineering, has been received.

I have no knowledge as to his qualifications, not having attended any of the examinations of his classes & have had no opportunity to know in any other way.

I was associated with him on a Board to test a Steam Engine, three or four years ago, when he got us into a serious difficulty, not from any neglect,

that I am aware of, but from want of a practical appreciation of the matter, which perhaps was to be expected from his lack of experience in that direction.

Previous to his present appointment he practised here several years as a mechanical engineer & I think gave lessons in drawing, and I thought him to be a very industrious, painstaking man, making earnest endeavors to do his best.

Please consider this confidential except to the Com.ee on the Schools.

Very truly yours

James R. Francis

Prof. W. R. Rogers
Pres. Inst. Technology.

Com. on School Sept. 27. 1879

1. Shall the Bureau have any, & what discretion as regards the Bonds of Women Assistants & Partial Students?

2. Is any special action needed for determining the status of the Women as regular Students. Having been regularly admitted should they not have all the privileges of regular Students?

3 Prof Atkinson asks to be authorized to employ 2 young women, graduates & advanced students of the Bost. High School, as assistants in the under work of correcting exercises, allowing them to take certain of the Students in his Dep.t and do work connected with the Library, in pay for their services. Are certified by Head Master to be [illegible] girls.

4. Shall the character or quality of the work in any of the Laboratories of the Inst. be referred wholly to the Prof. in charge of the Lab.s, or to whom else — Idea of Prof. W.

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5. Mr. Hoskins asks to have a Committee appointed to inspect once a year the work of Institutions, so as to include in desired those who may prove worthy. The No. of applicants largely exceeds the means of accommodation. 30 have been admitted this year.

6. Prest. Warren's application. Read his letter. Graduates from other Institutions have heretofore been expected to pay the full fee $200.

The only way to meet the object without injustice to others — would be to consider the arrangement for the Bost. Univ. Graduates referred to, into the basis of arrangement applicable to the undergraduates, as forming part of the general understanding.

Referred to me.

~~The Subject of~~ Mr. H. N. Moseley's regards referred to W. B. R.

Pres.

Newport Sept. 30. 1879.

Prest. W. F. Warren

My dear Sir

After further reflection & conference on the subject of your proposal in behalf of the P. Graduate Students of the Boston Univ. I find that the Institute is not prepared to accept it; in as much as such a departure from our established rule of charges would be unjust to the Graduates of other Colleges desiring to enter our School & as the question

of a general reduction of the Charges for Post-Graduate Students has not yet been considered by our Gov^t.

As mentioned to you in our late interview, Special divisions of either of our Courses may be taken at a proportionally reduced cost.

Regretting that we cannot accede to your wishes, as expressed in your letter & explained to me, & earnestly desiring to give your graduates every opportunity in our power I am dear Sir with cordial regards

Yours faithfully

William B Rogers.

Sept 1879 X

In view of the proposal of Prof. G. H. Howison, lately of the Mass. Inst. of Technology, to open courses of Lectures on "Philosophy", I wish to state that Prof. Howison's recent separation from the Institute, in which for several years he has held the Chair of Logic & the Philosophy of Science, was due simply to the discontinuance of this department as a portion of the Institute courses, and that his merits as a scholar and his ability as a teacher are very highly appreciated by the Corporation as well as by the Officers & Students of the Institution.

I think therefore that the Gentlemen and Ladies in our community who wish to become students of Philosophy should esteem themselves very fortunate in having the opportunity now offered of pursuing these studies under Prof. Howison's learned & able direction.

William B Rogers
Pres. Mass. Inst of Tech.