3 Papers, June 1880

THE ST. BOTOLPH CLUB.

85 BOYLSTON STREET.

Boston, June 3, 1880.

Dear Sir:—

I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a member of the St. Botolph Club.

You are requested to send to Franklin Haven, Jr., the Treasurer, 85 Devonshire Street, a check for fifty dollars, in payment of the entrance fee and the assessment for the current year, according to Art. 1, Sect. 1, of the By-Laws, a copy of which is mailed to you with this.

James M. Bugbee
Secretary.

To

Prof. Wm. B. Rogers

☞ *Please send to the Secretary your name in full, and the address to which you desire notices sent.*

91 Newbury St., Boston,
5th June, 1880.

Dear President Rogers:

May I ask another favor of you? As I am going out of the country speedily, perhaps you'll grant this the more willingly, in the hope of finally getting rid of me!

What I have to ask is, whether you can't give me a letter or two to people abroad who might be of help to us in our travels & sojourn. I do not want "society" introductions, of course, as we are in no condition to reciprocate any attentions of that kind. But letters to intelligent people who could show me better the way to find what I need, would be of great value; and, particularly,

a note to Minister White, in Berlin, whether I go first of places in Germany, would not fail to be of service. I am taking it for granted you are acquainted with him. Possibly I am overestimating, however, the extent of his being known among his distinguished countrymen.

I am not importunate in this matter. I shall value anything you may do, but I beg you to act at your perfect pleasure, & be assured that whether you send me any letter or not, you will lose nothing of the most sincere regard of

Yours most faithfully,
G. H. Howison.

See if Jarvis is here under W.

Newport June 5. 1880

Dear Mr Cummings

I have been waiting to hear from ~~you, what you might~~ what you may have learned from Prof Walker's friends in regard to his probable expectations in the matter of salary. But I have concluded to send you the enclosed letter, ~~calling, calling, &c~~ form N

with the request that you will let me know if ~~you~~ it ~~express the~~ conforms truly to the ~~in proper form~~ the action of the Corp: and if I am fully authorized by you to think that ~~the Committee~~ send it.

W P Rogers

X

Franklin June 6th 80

Mr. Rogers. Sir
Having for a long time
been trying to make up
my mind whether
to study for a Civil Engin
eer or to attend your draw
ing school I thought [on
seeing your name in
the Harpers Magazine]
that I would ask your
advice.
Will you be so kind
as to answer the follow
ing questions:
How long a course would
one have to take?
Can one study drawing

alone?
What sum would it
require to go through
comfortably with?
Can one obtain a situation
readily after graduating
from your school?
What pay can one
get?
Please answer and
tell me what the drawing
is.

P S.
I ask these questions becaus
I am a poor boy and shall
have to hire part of the
money so I want to know
how much to hire and
how long it will take
me to pay it up if I should
decide to go

Your would be pupil

A. W. Quimby
Franklin,
N.H.

P.S.
Do you think I had
better hire the money

A. W. Q.

Mr Kent's letter given to

Prof Gibbs

Gibbs Avenue Newport R.I.

June 9. 1880

Edward W Kent Esq.

I should long since ~~have~~ ~~long since~~ have replied to your letter of the 8th ult. but for the delay ~~I have~~ ~~not been~~ in forming a Committee of the Nat. Acad. to report on ~~the subject of the~~ the propriety of the retention of the flagstaff Mfs. of the Dec. of Indep.; ~~It~~ I have however placed your letter in the hands of Prof. Wolcott Gibbs who with ~~Prof Helper~~ Prof. Chandler of Col. College & Prof. R. E. Rogers of Phila. ~~of Wesleyan~~ ~~Prof. Helper~~ of Wesleyan

the members of the Comm: will

I am sure no doubt be interested

in hearing large experience experience in what you may have

to suggest on this subject. difficult & important

~~It is probable that~~ The Committee will

~~will probably~~ ~~can~~ ~~appoint~~ meet

~~in the Hall~~ ~~for the purpose of draft and the place for~~

~~the~~ early next month.

Yours very truly

William B Rogers

Boston. June 10. 1880.

Dear Professor Rogers.

Mr Cummings has returned from Maine only this morning so that nothing could be done about proposed meeting. He has now telegraphed you that he will leave Sunday at Newport. In writing me you had letter address P. O. Box 1267. My business associate will always see that letters thus addressed reach me promptly. I leave Boston for more than a day, I will inform you. Should you have occasion to telegraph me, address 97 State St.

58 Students were admitted.
11 " rejected.

The Chinese did very well. A few (3 of the 8) were weak in French. 24 of the 58 passed clean, and for the first time since I have watched Institute examinations the majority did very well in Geometry.

It seems to be a large number to reject, but their papers were of the most hopeless description. One boy from Mechanic Arts did badly. The instructions in letters in this Department would bear investigation.

Ordway, Richards, Warren are a merry set of pigs over prospects of a large & good class.

With kind regards to Mrs Rogers.

I am
Yours sincerely
Louis Wm Sullivan Jr.

Boston June 11th 1880

Dear Prest Rogers.

On wednesday last a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society of Arts was held, at which all the members were present. Mr Fuller was chosen chairman for the ensuing year.

In regard to the printing, the following vote was passed;

"That the Secretary be authorized to have the Proceedings of the Society of Arts, for the year just closed, printed, at an expense not exceeding $150; and that the number of copies (not less than 600) be referred to the President and Secretary."

This vote, of course, requires explanation. When I last saw you, the best terms I had been able to make, were with Rand & Avery, and their price was $1.33 per page. In order to keep the whole expense within $150 it would have been necessary, as I

stated to you, to abridge the record very considerably.

Subsequently, however, at Mr Lowe's suggestion, I found that Mr Schofield, a printer who uses the Bailey combination types, would charge only 82 cents per page. The whole expense according to his estimate for printing the record <u>unabridged</u> will be for

300 copies	$ 103
400 copies	$ 109
500 copies	$ 115
600 copies	$ 123
1000 copies	$ 155

Each one hundred copies over 500 would cost $8.

The Committee on hearing this, seemed very anxious to have a large number of copies printed, their ideas of the number to be given away being, I confess, more extensive than mine. Finally they concluded to refer the matter to you and me, with the proviso that not less than 600 copies should be printed.

As I have already put the MS into the hands of the printer, and as it is necessary that he should know as early as possible how many copies to print, I take the liberty to trouble you. Among those to whom copies should be sent were mentioned, the members of the Corporation and Faculty, the Public Library and other societies. I am, Dear Mr Lowe, also the Editors. If you will kindly let me know what is, in your judgment, a proper number you will much oblige me.

As to other matters discussed and voted on, I will not trouble you now, but will tell you when I see you. Please excuse this purely business letter, and accept with kindest regards for Mrs Rogers, and a sincere hope that you are enjoying good health believe me

Yours very truly

Gaetano Lanza

~~12~~

13.50
1.75

15.25

Newport R I
June 12. 1880

Dear Prof Walker-

Since my conversation with you in Washington, some weeks since, I have conferred with members of the Corporation of the Institute of Technology on the subject of choosing a President for the Institute, and I have been authorized, in concert with the Committee on the School, to offer the Presidency to the person whom we may consider to be best fitted by scholarly

training, zeal and administrative ability to carry ~~out and~~ forward the educational ~~[illegible]~~ plans of the Institute, ~~at a salary of five thousand dollars a year.~~

I now write with the authority of the "Committee on the School" to offer the position to you, and I need not say my dear Prof. how earnestly I desire that you will accept it.

Should it be our good fortune to have you with us I can assure you of a hearty welcome in Boston.

In case of your favorable reply be good enough ~~when convenient~~ to say at what time you would probably be prepared to enter upon the duties of the office.

Believe me
Yours faithfully
William B Rogers

Prof. F. A. Walker.

Arch

Mass. Institute of Technology
June 14, 1880.

My dear Mr. Rogers —

I hope that whatever else the committee of instruction may do, or not do, they will see their way to restore Mr Lévarg's salary to the amount promised him when he came to this country. I think that they may properly feel that a person who is sent for as he was, and who expatriates himself in their service, stands in a somewhat different relation, so far as moral obligations go, from the rest of us.

It has been once or twice objected that Mr Létang ranks only as an "Assistant" and that his salary has been much above that of other assistants in the school. But his work, in importance and independence, is that of a professor, and in age and attainments he ranks as such, not to mention nine years of faithful and unusually successful service. The hopes of increased compensation which were more or less distinctly held out to him have necessarily been disappointed, but it is extremely undesirable that the sum then agreed upon, and which was necessarily understood to be a standing agreement, or he would not have left France, should be diminished. The arrangement by which this was met this last year — he being allowed to employ a part of his time elsewhere — has not worked well. The work in his work has been extremely fatiguing to him, and the loss to the school has been greater than I expected. The work of the department has visibly suffered, so much so as to excite the remark of the visiting committee of the Society of Architects, who were however ignorant of the cause.

The modest title of Assistant has been retained, as it was at first intended, in order to not to bring Mr. Létang into the

Faculty, a position which his ignorance of the language, or fair, and his slight relations with the bulk of the school-work, made it undesirable for him to hold. But a title that would more adequately express his real importance would not necessarily imply his becoming a member of the governing body, and if ~~the~~ raising him to the rank of assistant-professor would make it easier, or more suitable, to raise his salary, I should hope it would be done. And though he is indifferent to names and titles I think that this recognition of his services would please him.

I am very truly & respectfully yours

William R. Ware —

Professor of Architecture

Stockton June 15, 1880

Mr. Wm B Rogers,

Dear Sir.

There is a young man here in Stockton Cal. who is desirous of attending some school of Technology and has been thinking of Hoboken but I have been trying to persuade him that it is better for him to attend the Institute under your charge and he has consented to do so if we can make the necessary arrangements. He is a graduate of the Stockton High School which is under my charge, but he did not take French in his course. He has

been working in a Machine shop for the past three years and has evinced a degree of steadiness and ambition seldom seen in young men of his age. Of course he is somewhat rusty in his studies but ready and willing to do all in his power to advance himself. Are you willing to condition him in French if he applies for admission, provided he can satisfy you that he has the ability to do the work?

His time in the shop will be up the first of July and I have advised him to go at once to Boston and place himself under the instruction of the best tutor to be obtained and get as much French as possible in the time, at the same time review his other studies. I feel much interest in him and hope you will see it in your power to help him as much as is consistent with your obligation to the Institute. An early answer will greatly oblige.

Respectfully
A. H. Randall
Prin High School
Stoneham

Mass. Institute of Technology,

Boston, June 16th 1880

President Rogers

Dear Sir,

Young Mr Henck is still waiting on an indefinite uncertainty. He expects some time to be set at work and that the place will be a permanent one. He hopes, too, that the Company may decide the matter soon.

He cannot hurry them, nor can he have any time fixed. So like most undecided matters this one presents the element of a possible entire falling through. So there seems to be no telling exactly what to do till an engagement is made and Mr Henck gives definite notice that he is going to leave. Of course I could not give

Mr Heerck any hint as to why I inquired about the matter and could not well ask him to press the Company for a decision.

But it seems as though Mr Holman might be given to understand that an exact decision in his case is difficult until something more definete is known. To be sure he looks at it from the absolute side while we have to consider the relative bearing.

Respectfully yours
John M. Ordway

Barton
Geol

North Sudbury Mass
June 20th 1880

Prof. Rogers

Can you inform me what are the probabilities of my getting a situation for geological work with any of the government surveys.

I am very anxious to get at work as soon as possible where I can be earning something but at the same time I wish geological work if it is possible to obtain it.

At the present time I am working up a section from the Boston basin to the argillites of the Nashua Valley. Prof. Hitchcock has criticised Mr. Crosby's views in regard to these rocks and I am doing this work so as to get a complete set of them and prove if possible their proper horizon.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. H. Barton

Newport R. I.
June 20. 1880.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your note rec'd some time since, I take pleasure in sending you through the Sec'y of the Institute a copy of the last Catalogue from which you will obtain information in regard of the questions which you have addressed to me.

Without knowing the extent of your preparation for

the Courses of the Institute, and the degree best or aptitude you would bring to them I could not advise you to incur a debt in order to pursue your studies there.

I can however say with confidence that with such preparation as is indicated in the Catalogue, & with such decided aptitude and inclination for any of its professional Courses, as I trust you may have, you ~~would~~ might very properly ask your friends for funds to carry you through, under the assurance, that on the completion of your studies you would early obtain remunerative employment. Our graduates are now in great demand for positions as Civil & Mechanical & Mining Engineers, Chemists &c & usually get employment almost as soon as they have completed their studies.

With best wishes for your success .. Yours truly

William B Rogers

Wm. A. W. Quimby

Naval Observatory,

Washington, D. C. June 25th 1880

Dear Sir

The interest you were good enough to take in the site for the new observatory induces me to think you will like to know how the matter stands at present; and indeed some statement is due to you as a matter of justice, for the good offices you were kind enough to give

The present condition of affairs is expressed in the newspaper slips enclosed

that is, matters are at a stand still — and I do not know that I can do any thing but refuse to accept a site which has been rejected for vibration nor do I wish, if it can be avoided, to be turned into a showman, to establish that the moon has mountains in it, and no visible man inhabiting it —

Paris & Greenwich have their observatories in the capitals — so are the queens bed-rooms — but the outsiders would find it about as hard to get into one, as into the other —

Mr Morse is, I hope from some things I have heard he said, inclined to favor the views you expressed to him — but I do not feel sure; certainly he seems to me to prefer the Cottage place near the soldiers home

to any other site — Situations
rule this place out ac-
cording to my views — Careful
observations were taken there —

I have been so
importunate in boring the
Commissioners for meetings, that
I am tired; and I am not
sure I shall trouble them
again — with new solicitations

Mr Morse has always
been ready — but Gov Whyte
has been sick, or his wife
has been sick, or he has had
more pressing business —

I presume you are now
at Newport where the air
is rarely unpleasantly hot — No
doubt you enjoying it — and Newport is
so cosmopolitan a place, that the society
is charming — people have rubbed off the
angles —

With my best regards to Mrs Rogers
Very truly yours
Thos Ewing

[6/21/1880]

The New Observatory.

WANT OF HARMONY IN THE COMMISSION—DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO CONGRESSMEN AND THE ADMIRAL.

By an act of Congress recently passed, Senator Whyte, of Maryland, Representative Morse, of Massachusetts, and Admiral Rodgers, of the navy, were created a commission to select a site for the proposed new naval observatory. The New York *Herald*, the other day, among its Washington dispatches, contained an

ATTACK UPON MESSRS. WHYTE AND MORSE,

charging in effect that they were trying to make a monumental job out of the affair. The *Herald* dispatch said: "The admiral (Rodgers) of course desires the site to be the fittest possible from a scientific point of view, and the architect to be a man of established reputation. Messrs. Morse and Whyte have, it seems, quite other views. They began by naming two architects, one from Boston, the other from Baltimore, both alike unknown to fame and unfamiliar with the peculiar needs of an observatory, and the poor admiral has to take his choice of these two and none others, for Messrs. Morse and Whyte are able, of course, to vote down any other man. But now comes the selection of the site. This is a matter of vital importance, for if the observatory is placed on ground which trembles even from passing trains or vehicles the extreme accuracy needed in astronomical observations become impossible. Accordingly the officers of the observatory have been engaged for many months in careful and troublesome observations to test the suitableness in this regard of the various places offered to the commission. It was reasonably supposed that on this point, at least, Messrs. Whyte and Morse would accept the report of Admiral Rodgers as final and not to be questioned. But it has become known that even on this point these two commissioners threatened to outvote the admiral. They are reported to have agreed on a site near the Soldiers' Home, which accurate official observations have already shown to be unfit for the purpose, as it is subject to tremors from passing vehicles, and which, therefore, is totally unsuitable for the objects of an observatory. If the two Congressmen insist on their view there ought to be an inquiry in the House or Senate by some friend of science as to the reasons for such gross misconduct. The new Observatory ought to stand for a century or two. It cannot be moved every 1st of May, and Congress intended that it should be placed in the best situation for its purpose and that it should be constructed by architects whose established reputation should be a guarantee of good, proper and lasting work. Both these objects are likely to be defeated."

WHAT SENATOR WHYTE SAYS.

A reporter of THE STAR showed the *Herald* dispatch to Senator Whyte, and asked him what truth there was in it. After reading it carefully, he said that the entire article was "outrageously false." "Or rather," he continued, "there is just a coloring of truth in it. We have really not done anything yet. We have held several meetings, and talked over the plans and various sites proposed, but we have not taken a single vote. These meetings were all secret; there was not even a clerk or secretary present at either of them, and therefore this article in the *Herald* must have been inspired by Admiral Rodgers himself. The truth is, that Mr. Morse and myself have views in regard to the location of this naval observatory, which we are not willing to surrender at the dictation of others. That is the cause of this complaint. Mr. Morse and I hold that the new observatory should be erected somewhere near the city, upon a commanding spot and accessible, so that citizens here, members of Congress and visitors at Washington may enjoy going there and looking through the telescope. The people must pay for the observatory, and we want it where it will do them some good. The observatories in Europe are all located near the capitals. Now the professors and others of the observatory want the new building buried in some obscure spot way out the other side of Georgetown, because it will be convenient to their residences. Every site that does not please the professors is condemned by them upon some pretext or other. Now out there towards the Soldiers' Home are several sites, but these professors say they will not do because carriages going over the bridge there and along Whitney avenue would shake the building. We listened to and accepted their opinions as against several sites, but the idea that passing carriages would shake a large building upon a soldid foundation was most too flimsy, and Morse and myself simply proposed to investigate it. Mr. Morse has been appointed a sub-committee to get the very lowest figures at which the several sites will be offered for sale, and that is all we have done. We have not voted upon the selection of either, and for my part, I cannot say how I shall vote until all the facts are before me. Admiral Rodgers named his architect at the same time that Morse and I named ours. We have not selected either, and the plans of all are now before the board. The professors have been drilling the architect proposed by Admiral Rodgers for more than a year. He is a Washington man, and it is quite likely that I shall vote to accept him, though I cannot say definitely yet. Mr. Morse and myself were appointed by Congress to represent the interests of the country. We realize our responsibility to the public, and intend to discharge our duty to the best of our ability. We do not seek to dictate, nor are we willing to be dictated to. If there is any job attempted, it is not on our side. I can say that for myself I shall not be bulldozed by naval officials or newspapers into doing violence to my judgment in this matter. I do not believe in the theory of tremors from passing vehicles, but will investigate all these questions before voting finally."

INDIAN MASSACRES.—A large band of Indians

Boston June 22d 1880

Dear Pres't Rogers

I reached home monday evening in time to deliver your letter into Mr Scudder's own hands before 7 P.M.. I could not find the last number of the proceedings of the A.A.A.S. in the Institute, hence I have sent you the one which belongs to the Natural History library; I hope it may arrive in time. I enclose also a copy of the vote of the Exec. Com^ee of which I spoke to you.

Please say to Mrs Rogers that my mother was charmed with the beautiful Newport flowers she had the kindness to send her, and wishes to return her sincere thanks for them.

I had a cool and pleasant ride home, and shall always

retain a lively recollection of the delightful time I spent in Newport and of your and Mrs Rogers' unwearied kindness..

With kindest regards for yourself and Mrs Rogers, in which my mother and sister join me

I remain

Very truly yours

Gaetano Lanza

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Missionary Rooms, Cong'l House, cor. Beacon and Somerset Streets,

Boston, June 23, 1880.

Prof. Wm B. Rogers:

Dear Sir.

I address you at the suggestion of Prof. Baird of the Smithsonian Institute, to inquire whether the Nat. Academy of Science, of which you are President, is able to do anything towards furnishing Laborers in new Countries with instruments for observation.

Our Board is about to send exploring Missionary Companies to portions of Africa of which little is known. One Company is going into Umzila's Country, south of the lower Zambesi, entering from near Sofala on the Indian Ocean. Very little is known of this region, & our friends will probably make observations useful & interesting, incidentally, to men of Science. Another Company is to go to Benguela & penetrate to Bihé & the region thereabout.

The R. G. S. of London, as you doubtless are aware, gives suggestions & furnishes instruments to such travellers. They have furnished

instruments recently to Mr Comber, who in behalf of the Baptist Mission Soc'y of England is working up towards Stanley Pool on the Congo: they furnished instruments to Rev. Dr Mullens, of the London Miss'y Soc'y, for his visit to Madagascar some years ago, & for his late endeavor to reach Tanganyika, during which he lost his life.

Our Mission Board is not authorized, & w'd not be justified in providing instruments for scientific observations: such work, as far as it is done, must be purely incidental. Yet it is a general benefit to civilization for such men as our missionaries, and to be so equipped that they may contribute all the information of all kinds they can gather to the common stock. I have written to the offices of the Am. Geog. Soc'y at New York to inquire as to their doing what the London Geog. Soc'y does: but obtain no reply. Prof. Baird, ~~to~~ to whom I applied when in Washington last spring, thought your Society the one most likely to do something of this kind, & advised me to communicate with you.

It w'd seem that some Society in our Country might be the one, if any, to aid in this way. From what gentlemen in the Council & Management of the R.G.S. at London said to me last summer, I have no doubt that Society w'd furnish some instruments, if requested: but, tho' a Fellow of the Society, I do not wish to make such application. If nothing can be done here at home, the matter will be dropped.

Allow me to forward to you a couple of pamphlets which may indicate the work we propose to undertake.

Very Respectfully,
Yours
John O. Means.

W. B. Rogers, Esq.
11 Marlboro' St.
Boston.

Revd John. O. Means.

I wrote this letter to send you with the extract from Paris. Perhaps it is worth sending even now.

June 14.

My Dear Mr Rogers—

I send an extract from the letter I was reading to you the other day, as you requested. Longfellow was here a couple of years after leaving College. He is the son of Mr. Alex. Longfellow, of Portland, as I think I told you. The whole "Institute colony" in Paris are doing remarkably well, Rotch, Hamlin, Chamberlin, Wilson, Hunnewell and one or two others, besides Longfellow himself. What he says is very much what

I have heard before from the others

Every thing goes to show that we have one of the best chances in the world to do a first rate thing, and a thing which there is a growing demand for in this country. The fees received by the Department are sufficient to support it and develope it. But so long as a chief part of them is needed to meet the general expenses of the Institute we must <u>starve</u>, and throw away an opportunity which cannot again be commanded. The Corporation reduced the appropriation for this Department last year by $1200.-. This is simply suicidal.

Yours very truly

W. R. Ware.

May. 20. 1880.

I have been before you the entire
every thing you to show that we
have no of the best chance in the
world to do a fair sale thing, and
a thing which there is a growing demand
for in this country. The fee assessed up
the department are sufficient to sup-
port it and develope it. For so long
as a chief part of them is needed to
meet the general expenses of the de-
partments we must stand, and there
never an opportunity which cannot
again be commanded. To unpo-
tunes where to appropriate for
this department last year $1,200.-
This is simply suggested.

Yours truly

W. A. Wm.

Dec. 20. 1880.

Arch

OFFICE OF WARE & VAN BRUNT, ARCHITECTS,

WILLIAM R. WARE. HENRY VAN BRUNT.

60 DEVONSHIRE STREET,

Boston, June 24 1880.

My dear Mr. Rogers —

I repeated to Mr. Cummings what I said to you the other day about a coöperation of the Drawing School at the Museum of Fine Arts and of the Society of Decorative Art with the Institute so as to work ~~in~~ the various courses of lectures upon ~~given~~ design into a single scheme. He thought it an excellent idea, and seemed to agree that it would be worth while to try the experiment of a mutual interchange of instruction such as I was suggesting to you. At any rate, he said, the Committee on

the School would be glad to hear just what the scheme is.

I accordingly enclose a rough draft of the circular which the Drawing-School is presently to issue, in which the scheme is set forth, the lectures being set down together on the last page. I have added the letters D, M, and S, to denote those to be given by the Institute, (namely my own,) those given by the Museum School, and those given by the Society of Decorative Art.

I suppose a dozen or twenty of our students would like to attend some of the Museum lectures, and about an equal number of the Museum students might come to mine. If there is nothing to pay either way, the attendance will be larger, of course, and the work done will go farthest and do most good. I cannot say how many students the Society of Dec. Art. are likely to have. That is a new undertaking.

We shall be much obliged to you, — I mean the Committee in charge of the Drawing School, — if you will allow the students of this school to attend the architectural lectures given at the Institute free of charge, on condition of the students of architecture at the Institute, and any others for whom it may be advisable, to attend the lectures given by the Drawing School. And we would propose that the School of Decorative Art, shall be included in the same scheme, if their lectures

are set on foot.

The circular of the Drawing School will however be issued substantially in the form here shown, without waiting for the action of the Committee on the School, as it is already possible for the students of the Drawing School to attend the lectures on Architecture on the payment of a small fee, and the circular expressly says that some of the lectures in question will not be free. It is the wish however of the managers of the Drawing School to give their students as much free instruction as possible, while they are desirous of giving the widest usefulness to the instruction they themselves provide. I am

truly yours Wm. P. Ware.

1941 S.

Washington D.C.

June 24. 1880

Prof W. B. Rogers LL.D.

My dear Sir

I enclose a letter of Prof. Davidson, recommending a proposition of Mr J. R. Ottiker to read before the Academy a paper "on the origin of glycogen."

Prof Le Conte's paper was read by Prof Barber at the Oct. meeting 1879, & was sent to the Am. Jour. of Sc. & Arts.

An invitation by the Council is requisite, unless some member present the paper.

Your Ann. Report has been forwarded as a Senate Doc. but no extra copies were ordered for the

Academy, Mr Gedney thought he would be able to make up enough to supply each member.

Rules XIII & XV were made free at the last section placing not only the selection of matter for publication, but also arrangements for joining under a Com^e consisting of the Home Sec & four other members. It is desirable that the Com^e should be appointed as I shall want to consult them before October.

I would suggest Gibbs, Agassiz, Newcomb, Hilgard.

I expect to leave here July 6. for Fisher's Island (via New London)

Very truly yours.

J. H. C. Coffin

May 31 I sent for your signature diplomas for Messrs Powell & Brewer.

[encl. 6/24/1880]

San Francisco Cal
June 12/80

Prof. Coffin
Home Secretary National Acad Sci.
Washington

Dear Sir:

I herewith inclose a letter from J. M. Stillman, Instructor in Chemistry in the University of California, asking whether he can present to the Nat. Acad. Sci. the paper referred to; "On the origin of Glycogen".

Mr Stillman is one of our younger investigators in whom we place a great deal of hope. The subject is not in my line & I cannot give any opinion upon it; but I know that some of his papers to the Cal. Acad. Sci. have been original & good.

Please let me know your views on the subject of its being presented to the Academy.

Yours very respectfully
Emp Davidson

Postmarked "Occidental," Cal.

Received June 11/80 Pm.
Geo Davidson.
With letter to Prof Coffin June 12/80

[encl. 6/24/1880]

Oak Hill Farm, Howard Station, N.P.C.R.R
Sonoma Co, June 10th, /80

Prof. Geo. Davidson

Dear Sir

Being away on my vacation, I thought I had better drop you a line regarding the paper of which I spoke to you on the last Academy night. It is entitled, - "On the Origin of Glycogen". It is in substance a review of the experimental work on the subject of glycogen, summarizing the important points found by experiment, and, on the basis of these data, a critical review of some of the important theories of the source of glycogen in the organism. It advances no original theory nor does it purpose to defend any theory already advanced but to state the theories and criticize them on the basis of the foregoing experiments. The theories touched are Pavy's, Mc Donnell's, Le Conte's, Meissner's, Weiss's, and others. Ground is particularly taken against the origin of glycogen from carbohydrate or

amyloid food as being the most important source of glycogen if indeed it be at all formed from that source.

The Mss. occupies forty pages of the size of this, over half of which is taken up with the summary of experiments.

I have been explicit on the subject of the nature of the paper because I want to know before I send it whether it is the kind of a communication as would be acceptable to the Academy.

My reason for wishing it presented before the Academy is that Prof. Le Conte's paper was introduced there and this contradicts many of his points on the subject. It was read at our 11th Chemical Section at the University in the presence of Prof. Le Conte, who was pleased to say that he "was much interested and instructed by the latter portion of the paper."

I have no ambition to try to introduce the paper if it is not likely to be acceptable, and if you think from the above that there is doubt of it, I would rather not send it on. If you would like to look the paper over yourself before taking any step in the matter I should be glad to have you read it.

Thanking you for your kindly proffered services in the matter, I am

Very resp'y

J. M. Stillman.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office,

Washington, June 25th, 1880.

My dear Sir;

Inasmuch as we have on hand one thousand copies of the Report of the Academy for the past year, I would suggest that steps be taken for a somewhat larger distribution than heretofore, and that copies be sent, say: to the heads of the various Departments; to Bureaus of the government having scientific connections; and perhaps, to the Secretaries of institutions of learning abroad; to State Libraries &c. The Home and Foreign Secretaries might be charged with this matter by the Council.

Yours faithfully
J. E. Hilgard

Prof. Wm B. Rogers;
President Natl Academy of Science,
117, Marlborough St.,
Boston, Mass.

Geol.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,
COR. BERKELEY AND BOYLSTON STS.

Boston, Mass., Jan 26 1880

Dear Professor Rogers

Will you kindly give us your advice again on the subject of the next Prize question? The last was: "The evidences of the extension of tertiary deposits seaward along the coast of Massachusetts."

No essays were sent in competition, but

the notice was so short, that that fact may account for their non-appearance. The same subject could be given over again, or another one could be selected. I think a geological subject desirable in any case.

Mr. Agassiz & Mr. F. W. Putnam are on the committee with you. Perhaps you could see the

former without too much in anticipation & I will do all necessary correspondence with the Putnam.

Yours very truly

John S. Dwight

Roxbury June 8/80

Prof. Wm. B. Rogers

My dear Sir

I am writing an article for the Memorial History of Boston, on "Education, past and present. The Rise of Free Education and Educational Institutions" — Of course I want to give some acc^t of the Institute of

Technology, which has done so much for the cause of education — will you confer a favor by giving me some information on the subject or referring me to some other reliable source for it?

Believe me very respectfully Yrs

C. R. Dillaway

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Roxbury
June 28/80

Prof. Wm. B. Rogers

Thank you, my dear Sir, for your courteous answer to my request — I beg you to take your own time in granting it.

Any day before Oct. 1st will

answer my
purpose —
Believe me
ever respectfully
and truly
Yrs
C. K. Dillaway

Newport June 29. 1880.

Dear Prof.

I have just learned from Prof. Hilgard that we have on hand One thousand Copies of the Report of the Academy for the past year, which, I take it, is our last Report. We should I think make arrangements for the distribution of a good number Outside of the Academy. But it will take some thought, perhaps, to attend to this early in the Autumn, when you shall have got back to Washington.

Meanwhile however it would

be desirable to send Copies to each of the Members, either two Copies or one to each as you may think best.

I have written to Prof. Helgand to request him to send me some thirty or so Copies, which I can dispose of appropriately, keeping a list of the names to avoid duplication hereafter.

Prof. Agassiz started on his dredging expedition last Saturday, & will not be back until late in August — and any general plan for foreign distribution should have his concurrence as For: Sec.

In regard to Mr. Stillman's proposition I ~~[illegible]~~ am unable to advise without consultation. As it makes no claim to original research, but is rather a systematic review & criticism of the exps & theories advanced by others, it may be doubted whether the Council ~~[illegible]~~ will incline to invite Mr. Stillman to present it. But I shall confer with Jeffries & Baird &c about it.

I shall attend to the appointment of a Com: on Publication as required by the amendment of Rule XIII.

After signing the Diplomas of Messrs Powell & Brewer on June 30 I on the same day forwarded them to Prof. Marsh, asking

here after adding his signature to forward them to Pres't. Barnard. Am I to understand by your note that they have not been forwarded to you?

* Trusting that you will have a pleasant season at Fishers Island - & wishing that you may rest even to Newport - I am

Yours faithfully

William B Rogers

Prof. J. H. C Coffin.

Newport June 29. 1880

Dear Prof. Hilgard

I am glad to learn from your letter of the 25th. inst. rec'd yesterday, that we have on hand so many Copies of "the Report of the Academy for the past year". I had lately been informed by Prof. Coffin "that no extra Copies were ordered for the Academy, though Mr Gedney thought he would be able to take up enough to supply each Member".

Indeed I was about writing to Prof. C. to learn if it would not be possible to have a

small edition struck off for distribution outside of the Academy.

I quite accord with your suggestions as to the directions for such a distribution, but think it wd be best to postpone charging the Secretaries with this work until the Autumn, as getting it now at sea, not to return until late in August - and my Officers will soon leave Washington for the Summer. Meanwhile I shall request the latter to ~~meanwhile~~ ~~might however~~ send copies to all the members of the Academy, and I will undertake to dispose of some 30 or 40, in appropriate quarters, keeping a list of those to whom I send.

I ought earlier to have ~~acknowledged the rec.~~ thanked you for of the 2 copies of the Report which you sent me some time since, as well as for your kind service in putting it through the press.

With best regards

Yours faithfully

W B R.

[June 29, 1880?]

Pr. ~~Barnard~~

It occurs to me that the election of Agassiz as foreign Sect. may have preceded the election of Pickle & Brewer as members & ~~that possible~~ ~~Pres't Barnard~~ in wh case it should not be the duty of Agassiz to sign instead of Barnard.