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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY.

Boston, Sept 1. 1881

Dear Mr. Clark

I have read Mr Babb's letter which you kindly sent me, with much interest, & thank you for the trouble you have taken to learn his indications on the subject.

Since the interview with which you favored me yesterday I have felt more than ever desirous that you might be induced to undertake the work. Your instruction & supervision for a limited time during certain days of the week, as mentioned to you yesterday,

would I believe be ~~entirely~~ satisfactory, when aided by the opportunity provided for you, and would leave a large share of your time for your Professional work.

The idea that the Prof would be expected to give himself wholly to the duties of the Chair is founded upon a mere assertion. Mr Atkinson with whom I conversed on the subject this morn.g has honestly disclaimed expectation, though he says that he may have so expressed himself as to lead to this inference.

I should like to have further conversation with you about the Chair, as I can quite feel sure that you could without serious sacrifice of other interests attend to duties expected, and that you would find the connection a very congenial & agreeable one.

Would it be too much to ask an interview with you again on Thursday

Next wt 10, 9 Clock M. A. Stewart
Mr Harris Letter on Telegram
Mr Newport
Yours
Offer: Please let

T. M. CLARK,
ARCHITECT,
178 DEVONSHIRE ST.,
BOSTON.

2 Sept. 1887.

My dear Sir:

In answer to your kind note of yesterday I can say that nothing would seem to me pleasanter than a connection with the Institute if it were possible without serious sacrifice, as might be the case, I think, by the arrangement you suggest.

I shall have great pleasure in meeting you at my office at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, or if any other place would be more convenient for you, or a different time. I shall be in my office all the morning, and can make another appointment by telephone. My number is 1209.

Very sincerely Yours

T. M. Clark

Mr. William B. Rogers.

Sunday. Sept. 4, 1881.

Dear Mr Rogers.

After seeing you the other day Mr Clark naturally came to me for the information in regard to details that nobody else of course could give him. We spent pretty much the whole day over them yesterday and succeeded in making out the rough draft of a scheme which I think will approve itself to you. It merely gives definite shape to the programme which I suggested to the Committee in the spring, at the meeting to which I was invited. I shall see Mr Clark again tomorrow with a view of working out some further details. These he will be able to explain to you on Tuesday.

But as the main features of the plan are of course my own and not his, — he being new to the subject, — it seems to me proper to come forward and avow the responsibility of proposing them. I have the less hesitation in assuming this responsibility as I understood what you said on Thursday to be a sort of invitation to come to the relief of the Committee in any way I could.

The plan as we sketched it out contemplates ~~involves~~ entrusting to Mr. Clark the general direction of the department, assuming for himself the special control of the practical and scientific work, thus giving to the professorships a markedly technological character. He proposes also to take into his own hands part of the historical work, for he is, as I think I did not mention to you, remarkably well read in the literature of the art. The rest of this work we propose to parcel out among the gentlemen above named & mentioned to you, with the addition of one or two assistants taken from my last year's class, Mr Clark undertaking to organize it and to arrange ~~for~~ with the persons concerned as to topics and times. The most important of these matters is the drawing and design, involving the general scheme of work, the giving out of the problems, or projets, and the holding of the judgments, or public criticism of the students' work. This we propose to assign to Mr Longfellow, from whom accordingly Mr Strong would receive his instructions and to whom he would report. The various lectures that I have been in the habit of delivering, upon history, ornament, + the decorative arts, are in this scheme to be assigned, besides those which Mr Clark & Mr Longfellow would

undertake, to Mr Cunningham, Mr Roth
Mr Putnam, Mr Stuart, Mr VanBrunt and any
one else who would take part in
them, while Mr Preston, Mr Hartwell,
Mr Bradlee, and perhaps Mr Phil-
brick and Mr Atkinson would be
asked to do their share in treating
the practical & scientific side of
the subject, in immediate correspondence with Mr.
Clark. These studies would receive
thus a considerable separation,
time for them being found by omit-
ting the lectures on Aesthetics and
the Theory of Art, that I have my-
self been in the habit of giving.
The elementary work in the Orders, etc.,
and in Shades & Shadows, I
should venture to entrust to Mr Hooker,
the young man who was with me last
year as an unpaid assistant. He
is the only link between the old
regime and the new, and the on-

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by person who has any knowledge of the collections. I have spent all my leisure time for a twelve-month in going over them with him, cataloguing & arranging them. His services this next year are indispensable, as librarian and general factotum, and I am willing to recommend him for such offices of instruction as will make it worth his while to stay. Though not a superior person he is well-educated, has had considerable office-experience, and is quite competent to the work I mention. He has shared with me this last year the labor of correcting the specimens in these subjects.

These auxiliary powers will probably involve the expenditure of about usual amount

to the salary of a second professor. It is also necessary that besides the provision for the running expenses of the department adequate provision should be made for keeping up and increasing the collections. No additions have been made to the number of books and photographs for five or six years and but slighter accessions for five or six years before. I have never asked for grants for this purpose, being content to go on as I began, and beg money from my friends when the Department needed it. But this resource was a long time ago exhausted, and the burden of supplying the pecuniary necessities of the school ought not to be ~~assumed by~~ thrown upon my successor.

The present collections are getting to be behind the times, and need to be largely supplemented. The new work will of course need new illustration.

If the income that the Department brought in this last year came, however, be devoted to its use, it will suffice for its needs during the year to come, and this would do much towards insuring a continuance of a similar income for this year. The Corporation, I understand, disclaim any wish to make money out of the Department. But unless they are willing to appropriate to its use the fees that come from its own students, that is what it practically comes to.

I have returned, in order to make sure that I was not making impracticable suggestions, to assure myself that such a

scheme as I have indicated would commend itself to Mr Clark and to the profession generally, and that most of the gentlemen whose names I have mentioned, and particularly Mr Longfellow and Mr Cummings, would gladly take part in it in the way I have mentioned. Mr Greenough, as I was on the point of mentioning to you on Thursday, writes me that he is not to be counted on for any substantial service. I will add that though I have not felt at liberty to say anything of these arrangements to Mr. Letang, I am sure that they would be extremely agreeable to him, and relieve the extreme anxiety he has naturally felt as to the prospect before him.

For my own part, such ad-

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instruments as these seem to me to be not only satisfactory, as the best thing attainable, under the circumstances, but almost ideal. If I had been asked, in the Spring, what solution of the problem was most to be desired, I should have indicated just this scheme, though regarding it as almost too much to hope for. It puts ~~the~~ work into the hands of able and competent men, men whose personal and professional reputation will greatly enhance the good name of the school; it meets the just wishes of the Committee and the Corporation in giving the practical side of architecture the development for which means have hitherto been lacking, and giving precedence to

these interests by putting their representative at the head of the Department; it sets in for the same sort of work that I shall be chiefly occupied with in New York, so that the co-operation I so much desire can be established, to the mutual advantage of both schools. Moreover I think that such a scheme will be likely to attract a class of students who have not been specially drawn to the school hitherto.

The future development of the new studies will naturally lead to the still further curtailment of the purely artistic side of the subject, both for want of attention & for want of time for the students to devote to it. The natural course of events will I think tend, without much modifying the work of the first year of the special course to make the second year more & more exclusively technological, as the great wants of the school and of the neighborhood, (including in these the permanent exhibitions of building materials and processes,) become utilized. I find Mr Clark is quite in accord with myself and with the profession, in believing as Mr Carter & Mr Engelbert have explained to you, that the legitimate field of usefulness of the Department lies in this direction. This view has also been so frequently and so emphatically expressed by members of the government of the Institute, and repeated within a few weeks, that I cannot help regarding the establishment of an advanced course of architectural design at the Museum of Fine Arts as merely a question of time & opportunity. Such a course would

for a parallel to the second year at the Institute, (the fourth regular year,) and the previous work at the Institute would prepare students equally for both. This is in fact just what you were saying to me in the spring, when the Corporation declined the organization suggested in Mr Cabot's letter, that the Institute could have no objection to the establishment of advanced classes in architectural design and composition, supplementary to the Institute work, and covering ground the Institute did not attempt. Just what this ground is will soon be defined by the natural course of events, and by that time the Museum may be ready to occupy it.

Hoping that all this may give you as much pleasure as it does me, I am, truly yours W. R. Ware

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P.S. I will answer your postscript in a postscript. But all I have to say is that I am very much pleased that Mr Clark's nomination should be as acceptable to you as it is to me. As to the development proper to give the work of the Department I have always entirely shared your views as to the desirableness of giving things a somewhat different turn at the earlier moment, and I have never doubted that though the students we had came mainly for design, other students would have come for the other thing, if we had been able to offer it. Indeed many of the students we have had would have been kt-

to pleased, and would have stayed longer with us if we had had the means to branch out in that direction. Time has shown however that this could only be effected by considerable changes in the organization of the department, changes which I have not quite seen my way to propose, though I have constantly kept them in mind. The occasion of my going away, however, seemed to offer just the desired opportunity to put the work on a more tenable footing, and I am very much pleased that a turn has been taken in the direction you indicate.

As to excluding the department as having interests separate from those of the Institute, that I am not disposed to do, and now less than ever. But the fact remains that two thirds or three quarters of the students in it are special students, who have depended entirely on what we bring and I could do for them for getting their money's worth. I do not think they have got it, and I do not believe that, in general, students in such a school are well treated unless their tuition costs at least as much as they pay for it. Indeed in the higher institutions of learning it is understood that it should cost more, that such instruction can be maintained only by endow-

ments.

This is what I want to call attention to in suggesting that the Corporation may well spend upon the Department in one year what it has earned from it the year preceding — the fees of the students who do nothing else, and a fair share of the fees of those who take other studies. Anything that can be done to render the work of all the students, specials included, less isolated, will, in this point of view, be a gain.

Thus long, again,

Yours

W. B. Rogers

Nautical Almanac Office,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C., Sept. 5th 1881.

Dear Sir:

Professor Holden has sent me a list of the books and papers bequeathed by Professor Watson to the National Academy of Sciences and now loaned to the Washburn Observatory. Among them are the star charts a list

of which I have had copy made, and here enclose, as it may be of value and interest and should therefore appear in your annual report.

Very truly yours
Simon Newcomb

President W. B. Rogers,
Newport,
R. I.

Mil

39 N. Equitable Bldg.
Boston, Sept. 5th, 1881.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 31st. ult., received. Thank you for the kind expressions contained therein. I had recd. a notice from Prof. Richards, of date of examinations.

I am expecting now to resume my duties as "Military Instructor" on the 26th. inst.; but with an increased number of students, there will necessarily have to be supplied, a larger number of arms & equipments. I hope modern ones may be obtained.

And I wish that it might be thot. advisable to make the compensation commensurate with the time which it necessarily involves, to give one's best ef-

forts to the work, and not feel compelled to divide his time and thots. with other matters. And, too, it does not allow of one's providing himself with modern works and such necessary things, as will enable him to keep pace with the progress in that science, as is done in the other departments. That is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.

Last Winter, I had scarcely any time to attend to anything else; and I could not help feeling, that I was necessarily giving my whole time, for very small compensation.

I mention this, as I desire to speak frankly with you, as your kindness & courtesy have opened the way for me to do so.

Please present my compliments to Mrs. Rogers.

Very respy yours,
Jno. C. Hadrick.

Mr Col. Chadwick

In reply told him that the Govt. would allow him $100 in addition to present salary. That is $500 in all for the coming year.

C B R.

You have yesterday expressed a wish that I should write to Mr Cobb & the Secretary of the Navy & request the Navy Department to pay Mr Chadwick $100 per annum

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY.

Boston, ... *188*

Committee on the School Meeting Sept 6 - 1881.

Voted to ask of the Corporation an appropriation of $1500 to be spent in the Department of Architecture under the direction of a Special Committee consisting of Messrs Wm B. Rogers. Edw S Philbrick and Atkinson who are charged with the preparation of a plan of studies and exercises in this Department.

Meeting of Comm. on School Sept 6. 1881.

Present

1. Mention final decision of Prof. C. A. Smith – correspondence with Prof. Church. Prof Pike & interview with C. Frank Allen.

2. Correspondence & interview with Prof. Sam L. Vose Cabt of Bowdoin Coll.

Impression made upon Mess. Pettengill & Carson & myself that Prof. V. is highly esteemed by the Science of Eng. has had good practice with field & shop experience in teaching. His method of instruction is very practical. He is ready & clear in his expression, & has pleasing address. In comparison with the other candidates, who are available – is much preferred by us –

Voted – That Prof Sam. L. Vose be recommended to the Corp., for election as Prof. of Civ. & Tech. Eng. in the Inst., at the salary of 2500 dollars per annum, to enter on the duties of the Chair on the 15th of October next.

3. Refer to Sev. F. Swan — as a candidate for the position of Instructor in Civ. Eng.

Mention his Career at the Inst. — & in Berlin — His employ by the Census Office under Trowbridge — Reports on the Hydrography — of the Atlantic Rivers — also On American Bridges —

Show his recommendation papers. Also Van Norden's Articles —

Voted — That S. F. Swan be recommended to the Corp.ⁿ — for election as Instructor in C. & T. Eng. — at a Salary of $800 dollars per annum; his duties to commence at the Opening of the Coming Session —

Note — Mr. Swan was unwilling to come at this Salary. Mr. Henry Regnier Mr. H. P. Redden authorized me to add $200 — to the Cor. — should the Inst. make the whole $1000 — & with this addition Mr. Swan accepted the position of Instructor in Civ. Eng.ᵍ.

4 — Chair of Architecture —

Mr. W. P. P. Longfellow — appointment interview &c — Concluded that he could not undertake the work — See his last letter.

Correspondence with Mr. T. M. Clark —

Could not be found at his house. In receipt of $5000 from Bequest — which he was minded to devote in the Prof.ᵗ & recommend — Mr. Babb of Nty.

Correspondence with Mr Babb — His letter positively declining —

Renewed correspondence with Clark, & interviews with Lessie — He would like the connection very much. I think he is especially fitted to conduct the Dep.ᵗ — in the practical as well as Artistic direction —

He would be glad to accept — if he can be satisfied by his growing in — has a heart to instruction & supervision of his Dep.ᵗ.

5 — Prof. Nichols, absent. His letter stating his inability to appear on his duties in Inst. — for part of the begin.ᵍ of 2ᵈ Term

Dr. H. P. Bowditch's letter to the — [illegible]

Voted — to recommend to the Corp.ⁿ — that Prof. Nichols be be relieved from his duties at the Institute (for this period) — & that his Salary be continued to him as heretofore

Voted — that the Prof. Bowditch be requested to give the Lectures of the 1st year Chem. in Prof. Nichols' absence — and meanwhile be further [illegible]

Votes to recommend the following ~~Sch~~

School of Arch. Dept:

Thos. M. Clark Prof. of B. & Arch. — 2500

W. P. Longfellow, 1 day per week for 25 weeks at 20 — 500 — 1000

" Kidder Esqr. on Chem. of Arch. Mat.: 200

" Gregg Esq. on Sketching: 200

Hooker (Student) on Elem. Arch.: 100

25 Suff. Lectures at 20. 500

My Arthur Rowe — Decoration 200

" C. A. Cummings — Furniture

J. S. Sturgis Col. of Cast & Moses

Meeting of Corp. Sept. 9 — 1881

Present Atkinson Cabot Cummings Flint E. S. Philbrick Perkins Rogers Rogers — Wolcott.

All the recommendations of the Com. were approved.

Voted that Prof. Ordway be given until the Pres. can arrange for the Instruction in Prof. Pinchot's dept. during his absence.

Voted that the thanks be given Prof. Ordway for the services he has rendered — to pay the Lectures & deficit the Lab. Instruction — having Prof. as aforesaid —

Dear Prof.

Sept. 7. 1882

Cave. On returning last night from Boston I found your very interesting letter of the 5th and while arrived some Tuesday sometime after I had left for Boston.

The Com. of Schools at this place yesterday nominated to appoint Mr. Clark Prof of Botany & Anat. with the assistants and Superintendent, & recommended to be appointed Mr. Clark Com. County of Mr. S. S. Phillips & Respectfully

The plan includes the co-operation of Mr Longfellow & retains the services of Mr Lahaye.

I have chosen in my respects correspondence with the Regents other I find in your letter & which I believe you mentioned to Mr. Clark & Mr. Longfellow

the Sub-Committee

your letter

your letter of the subject, & which I believe you mentioned to Mr Clark & Mr Longfellow.

I feel sure that the
appointment of the Lord in the
Dep't will prove satisfactory to
all that you have to gratify to think
that you have the Dep't in a
condition to carry out with
enlarged efficiency the
work in which your zealous labors
of years years have won
reputation for yourself & for
the Dept.

With thanks for your kind
interest in the fortunes of the Department
& with the belief that although no
longer its designer you will
continue to be with us in
kindly regard & interest in
our dear work,

Yours faithfully
W. B. R.

W. B. R.

To Prof. W. R. Ware

~~The Prof. will find at Boston~~

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
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Boston, Sept. 7. 1881

Prof. Wm. Rogers —

We are getting out the circulars for the Drawing School at the Museum, and would like very much to make the same arrangement and the same announcements as last year in regard to lectures. The last year's experiment worked very well. A dozen or so of the Drawing School pupils came over to some of my lectures and some of our fellows attended the lectures given by the Drawing School, specially

there was order or no costume, though the last finally came off as Lowell lectures, or at any rate free lectures paid for by Mr Lowell, so that this was less of a special privilege than was intended. Mr Perkins' lectures on the history of Art & Mr. Greenleaf's on Mythology, which did not come off last year, will this year begin the season. These will be pertinent, more or less, to our own work, and will serve to fill up some gaps. If you please, the circular of the Drawing School shall

say, as in his last year, that certain "lectures will be given, dealing in engineering with the Architecture of Technology, for some of which a small fee may be charged." This makes it proper to use this language in advance of a formal authorization, for if the arrangement is not finally approved by the Corporation, "a small fee can be charged."

If you can send me a telegram,

just saying "all right," I shall be glad to print the circulars at once, as I am gradually losing all my vacation.

Mr Longfellow is to take my place as Secretary of the Drawing School. Bros Batt retain my footing in their Councils.

Yours very truly

Wm P. Ware,

Sept. 8. 1881.

Thursday.

Wm W. Rogers –

Mr Rockefeller being out of town for a few days asked me to make sure that there was no misunderstanding in regard to the compensation to be given him for the services of which you were speaking with him on Monday.

In urging him to enter the service of the Institute, as you asked me on Thursday to do, I spoke of $1000.– as a proper compensation for such services as I proposed to him to render, and as he knew that I had written to you in regard to the scheme by which I had arranged ~~& spoke~~ with Mr. Clark and himself to take part in this work, he ~~disputed~~ assumed that you were pro-

ceeding, in your conversation with him, on that basis. It happened however that ~~you~~ I had left the pecuniary details for Mr Clark to explain to you and that he had understood Mr Longfellow to expect only $500.- for the year, whereas my memorandum had contemplated $500.- for such half year.

$500.- for the whole year would obviously be an entirely inadequate compensation for ~~the~~ services of this nature.

I will add that I took the liberty of saying that there would doubtless be no objection to his having the services of one of the students as a personal assistant, who should ~~give~~ give this service in lieu of tuition. Of one of last years students should return on this footing it would obviously be of special service in presenting a

brief in the traditions. There are many details in the conduct of the work of training and origin which it is not easy to explain in writing, but which to the students are matters of course. As they are the result of a great deal of experience, it is a pity that Kirkwood of Penn should be lost. I have, as you will remember, always had one and sometimes two students on this footing.

I am much obliged to you for your note, which I have just received. I do not understand how my letter of Sunday, which I took special pains to have written on Sunday night, should have been so long in reaching you.

Yours truly

Geo. R. Wise.

For. Vose

Brunswick, Maine,
Sep. 7. 1881

My Dear Sir,
Your favor of the 3rd inst. which has been forwarded to me here, is just received.

I have known Prof. Vose, of whom you inquire, several years. In the summer we are near neigh-

bors. He is an able man and I suppose about the best teacher living. He believes in hard work and a good deal of it and has the rare faculty of inspiring enthusiasm in his pupils, with whom he is extremely popular.

Like all pronounced men, he has his peculiarities, but nothing that would trouble you or me. He is quiet, simple, truthful, somewhat blunt, and has the courage of his convictions at all times and under all circumstances. He has made some enemies by unsparing denunciation of poor work in engineering. He sees a poor bridge, he will say so with emphasis; no matter who is hit. So, in religious matters, he is not in accord with the narrow views that prevail here,

and does not hesitate to say so, although silence might be more politic. ~~Although~~ But you must understand that he is not an irreligious person.

Upon the whole, I consider the educational institution that has him as most fortunate, and shall be sorry to have him leave this College.

I am with great respect, yours truly.

W. W. Chandler

P.S. Prof Rose is still professor here & I somewhat doubt whether he will leave. He has certainly had some tempting offers.

Dear Prof. Nichols — Sept. 7. 1882

At a meeting of the Corporation it was voted that in consideration of your ill health you be given leave of absence for the year, and that you should be allowed to resume your work at the Inst. together with that your salary be continued as heretofore —

It was also voted that the same arrangement be made for supplying instruction during the absence of Prof. Atkinson & Prof. Clapp & that the Pres. —

Let me add that this action was unanimous and was accompanied by a spirit of warm appreciation & sympathy —

Now my dear Prof. I do most earnestly hope that you will shake off all anxiety about your duties & work

What work without duties — to be assigned by the Corporation

& especially that you will at once
prepare to leave the cold
climate of the Pittsburgh
Effluvia of a good long
holiday in Europe.
I have talked with Dr.
A. D. Bender & about you
& he strongly advises you
to this course — feeling strong
confidence that it is the surest
means for your early &
complete restoration —
My time with B. has been so full
of business cares, & I have hardly felt
like leaving it — & I have been on the
call upon you as I intended. But I hope
to see you before long —

Yours truly
WTBR

New York,
Sept. 8th. '81

Prof. Wm B. Rogers.

Dear Sir,

I have received your telegram, for which I am very much obliged. I shall await with interest more detailed information regarding salary, etc., on the receipt of which I shall be able to let you know within a day or two what arrangement I shall make. I have thus far followed your instructions, which were, not to make any changes in my plans in view of chances at the Institute. It will therefore be necessary for me to see or hear from Prof. Trowbridge and my uncle in Providence before I can come to a definite conclusion.

I feel much honored by having been chosen by the Committee; and to

you yourself I feel especially indebted for the kind interest you have shown in affording me an opportunity to present myself as a candidate. It would be my greatest pleasure if my circumstances were such as to enable me to accept the position without reserve; but as I wrote you before, I feel compelled to await information regarding salary etc. before ~~you~~ I can decide. I have expended a large amount in preparing myself for my profession, and I am obliged to consider things that I would I could overlook entirely. I think I stated to you before that such was the case.

Thanking you once more, and through you the Committee, for the kind interest they have shown me, and awaiting with interest the final communication, I am

Very respectfully yours
George F. Swain.

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Corporation Meeting Sept 9. 1881.

Voted that the sum of $2000 instead of $1500 named in the vote of the Committee on the School be appropriated for the payment of Lectures in the Department of Building and Architecture

Boston, Sept. 9, 1881.

Dear Professor Rogers:

Your very kind letter of the 7th inst. came to hand yesterday. I am sure that I am very much obliged to you and to the Committee for the extremely generous disposition which they ask the Corporation to make of my case. You may be sure that I shall stay away from my post of duty only so long as I feel absolutely obliged to.

If you ask me to keep the Institute and my work out of mind, you ask an impossibility, but I shall carry no "anxious care"

Yours very respectfully,

Wm Ripley Nichols

New York, Sept. 10, '87

Prof. Wm B. Rogers,

Dear Sir,

I shall be able to let you know my decision by telegraph on Monday, I hope, and at any rate on Tuesday. Much as I should like to teach, it is hard for me to decide, because I know that I can do much better financially in practical work. But I will let you know by telegraph just as soon as possible. Thanking you most sincerely for the kindness you have shown me, I am most respectfully yours

G. F. Swain.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Prof. Wm B. Rogers,
Newport,
R. I.

Newport Sept. 12. 1881

Dear Mr Longfellow.

Having heard from Mr Clark soon after the Meeting of the Corpn. of the Institute on Friday last you were absent from Boston & likely to remain away for some days, I have deferred sending you a formal Notice of the Action of the Corporation ~~in regard to the Architectural Department.~~ to you officially in regard to the Arch. Dept.

You have probably ~~see the~~ already heard ~~from Mr Clark~~ the details from Mr. Clark, but if you

of which I have hope, ~~that~~ ~~to~~
give me ~~a great~~ pleasure
~~to~~ great
great pleasure to inform
you formally that ~~you~~
the Corp. of the Institute on
Friday last, ~~elected you~~
after having appointed Mr
T. M. Clark to be the Prof.
of Botany & Zool. in the
Institute appointed you
Adjunct Prof. of the same, at a salary
of $1000 per ann.; ~~&~~
& that they made provision for
the supplemental lectures &
other aids which have been
given connection & of which he
will no doubt inform you.

Warmly wishing you
~~Trusting that~~ you will to
~~find~~ this connection both the
& hoping that you will be able
to institute his ~~very~~ way a practice
& plenty ~~of~~ I remain —
~~to you~~

Yours faithfully
William B Rogers

Prof. W. B. Rogers

Mass. Inst. of Technology.
Boston. Sept. 10. 1881.

When we broke up in the Spring I told you all that though I was sorry to go, and you all seemed sorry to have me go, I was very much in hopes that my going off would prove the occasion of putting the Department on a much better footing than before, and that it would prove practicable to make arrangements for doing the work I had been trying to do in much better shape than I had been able to do it. I did not feel at liberty to go into particulars, not knowing what turn affairs might really take, but I promised, as soon as any thing was determined upon to give you all the earliest intelligence of it. I hoped then that I should be

able to fulfil my promise early in the summer, but important bodies move slowly, and it is only within a week that the government of the school have considered and adopted the scheme I had in mind. This they have now done, and I hasten to tell you about it, though I suppose they will make their own announcements as soon as they can.

The new scheme divides the work of the department into three or four portions. The general direction of the whole and the special instruction in office-work and specifications will be taken by Mr. Theodore Clark, whose papers on superintendence you may have seen in the American Architect this last winter and spring. He had charge of the building of Trinity Church for Messrs.

Gambill and Richardson when he was in their office five or six years ago, and is remarkably well posted on that side of the subject, and indeed extremely well read in all branches. He will also probably take the lectures in Greek and Roman History.

The special care of the drawing and design will be taken in hand by Mr. William Longfellow, who will arrange with Mr. Sévaring about the work to be done, set up the problems, and criticise the drawings upon the days of Judgment. Mr. Longfellow, as I dare say you know, was the original editor of the Architect, and if you want to make his better acquaintance I commend to you his editorials on the study and practice of architecture in the first few volumes of his paper. They are about the best things that have been written.

The lectures on Ornament and on the Decorative Arts, and the rest of the lectures on History, are to be parcelled out among such members of the profession here in town as are willing to take a hand in them. The profession here take a great interest in the school and are glad to help it all they can. Mr Cummings, Mr Rotch, and Mr Van Brunt have already given in their adhesion, and there are others on the list who have not yet been heard from. Mr. Longfellow will also probably join this company.

The "brown-paper" lectures for the beginners, on the Orders, etc., I recommended them to give to Hooker, who has a very good set of notes, and who helped me

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My Dear Mr. Royce—

This is the circular letter which I read to you on Friday. I have sent it to the students who were in the Department last year, and who were very anxious to know what was to be done, and also to about thirty others who have written during the last twelve months to ask about the Department. I added a few lines of personal matter in each case, enclosing the circular. I hope it may serve to a few fish who might otherwise escape.

Yours faithfully—

W. R. Ware.

as you may remember to look over these papers last year. The lectures on the Theory of Color which I have been in the habit of giving, and which Mr Cross gave last year in my stead, and those on Aesthetics, or the Theory of Form, will probably not be given at all.

In their stead there will be instruction, once a week, in architectural arithmetic and algebra, — that is to say in the calculations common in building, — which will be given, under Mr. Clark's direction, probably by Kidder, who has given a good deal of attention to this sort of thing, as you may know, and has published some excellent papers in the Architect and elsewhere.

The tendency of this is to make the work of the department rather more practical and scientific, as is natural and proper in a school of applied science.

At the same time the relations established last year with the School at the Museum of Fine Arts will be continued, and the students of architecture will be admitted to Mr Perkins's lectures on the History of Art, to Mr Greenleaf's on Mythology, and to Mr. Millet's on Costume, on the same terms as students at the Drawing School. Most of these courses will be free. Mr. Longfellow will take my place as secretary of the Drawing School.

All this is very satisfactory to me and I shouldn't think it would be to you. These gen-

themen are all my best friends, and I shall not lose my interest in the school nor my knowledge of what is going on in it, and while things are getting arranged I may still be able to be of occasional service. Bye-and-bye I suppose I shall begin to feel like a stranger, but not while any of you are about.

Hoping that in spite of the lateness of this date, you may still arrange to come back to the school in October, so that I may find you here whenever I look in, I am, as ever,

always your friend

Wm. R. Ware.