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Jan. 15. 1883.

Dear Mrs. Rogers

There is a plan of a society to be called "The Round Table" to consist of 40 persons who are to meet once a month & consider social science questions, philanthropy, education &c. It is a little on the plan of the "Town & Country", meeting in the eve'g at private houses, with only tea & toast. The first meeting will be at Mrs. Talbot's 66 Marlborough, on Thursday eve'g, when Miss Clara Barton will explain her "Red Cross" plan. The society has grown out of the Boston membership of the Am. Social Science Assoc.

I am sure it would have interested your husband, and I hope you may be willing to join. Among those interested are Prof. W. T. Harris, G. Stanley Hall, R. T. Paine, Prof. Pickering, F. B. Sanborn &c and we hope to include persons directly at work among the poor, like Mrs. Cassell & Jennie Collins. Of course I know how you would feel about General Greeley this winter, but this is different. Will you not join us,

Yrs cordially

T. W. Higginson

A copy of the
belonging to
William Endicott
& presented by his son.

Contrib to Fund

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Washington March 15, '83

My Dear Mrs. Rogers:

I am pleased to acknowledge a letter from you received just now. The color scheme adopted by the Geological Survey is not a special device of my own but one which has grown up by usage of many Geologists throughout the Country. It is therefore probable

that its use will continue indefinitely.

Nearly every Geologist of the United States and a number of Geologists abroad have adapted this scheme, and for all of these reasons it would add to the value of Mr. Rogers work if the scheme were followed in its publication.

Scores of Color-schemes have been used in the United States and between them there is not much to choose;

One is almost as good as another: That which is especially desirable is uniformity:

Please accept my earnest thanks for the map you sent. When I can serve you do not fail to command.

I am, with respect,
Yours cordially

Mrs. Emma Rogers,
Boston.

Columbia College N.Y.
March 23rd 1883.

My dear Mrs Rogers:

I am very glad to get the pamphlet and your letter. I did not write to you last Summer, — I could not. I knew how much Professor Rogers had been to you, how much you had been to each other: the whole matter seemed to me so sad that I really did not see what could be said.

Now at least it may be some comfort for you to remember that you made him while living a happy man; indeed, a good deal more than that. Your married life seemed to me to come up to the ideal standard; I have never

seen more than two or three cases where this appeared to be the case; and on the other hand, I strongly suspect that the majority of women prove, I will not say tormentors, but forms of discipline to their husbands.

How often I have quoted you and Professor Rogers as illustrating such a different experience!

I will send my wife your kind letter.

When you come to New York I hope you will send me word, so that I can again see you and talk of the past.

Very sincerely,

Ogden N. Rood.

Cambridge Mass. 26 Mars 83.

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Chère Madame Rogers

Un ami vient d'appeler mon attention, sur un passage de la biographie de votre regretté et distingué mari, dans lequel Daubeny est appelé un français!

Charles Daubeny étoit anglais et tout ce qu'il y avoit de plus Britisher, étant Professeur de Botanique et de Chimie à l'Université d'Oxford.

Dans le voyage qu'il a publié sous le titre de "Sketch of the Geology of North America, being the substance of a Memoir read before the Ashmolean Society, Nov. 26, 1838." Oxford, 1839, Daubeny parle souvent et avec éloges du Professeur William Rogers, surtout aux pages 53, 54 et 64.

Agréez Madame les salutations les plus respectueuses

de votre serviteur

Jules Marcou

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Cobham, Albemarle County,
Virginia, 25 May, 1888.

My dear Mrs. Rogers,

As I have been asked by the Alumni of the University of Virginia & by something at the approaching commencement in commemoration of your learned & distinguished husband, I venture to ask the favor of you to give me information on a few points which I will proceed to mention. — I am aware that your marriage took place in 1849 & that you

went to Europe during the Summer of that year, but I should be glad to learn the precise date of your marriage & to receive a brief minute of all of Mr. Rogers's visits to Europe, of their duration, together with a general outline of his course of travel. –

If you could spare me for perusal a copy of Mr. Rogers's address in honor of Professor Henry, I would carefully return it to you. –

I have the proceedings of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the 12th of October last, as well as an interesting sketch of Mr. Rogers in "The Popular Science Monthly" for September 1876.

If these sources of information, you can conveniently add a reference to any other that you may think likely to prove useful to me, you will do me a great favor. –

Mrs. Rives cordially joins

me in the best wishes & the kindest remembrance. & I am,

dear Mrs. Rogers,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. C. Rivet.

— " —

In reply spoke of his father's marriage, mothers name, date of birth of W.P.R. University pamphlet. our marriage - birth of P. K. R, also his college.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY.

Boston, May 18th 1883.

Messrs. J. R. Osgood & Co.

Gentlemen;

The Society of Arts of the Institute has placed entirely at the disposal of Mrs. Wm. B. Rogers the negative, transparency and whatever else remains in your possession which was used in the production of the heliotype portrait of Prof. Wm. B. Rogers prepared by you for the Society in December last.

Any facilities

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or special courtesy which you may be able to extend to Mrs. Rogers in the accomplishment of whatever she may wish in this connection will be warmly appreciated by the Society and the Institute.

Yours truly

S. W. Holman,

Secy. Soc. Arts.

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Note at the time of publication of Text Book 1852

Boston, Aug. 7 1883

My dear Mrs. Rogers —

I fear ~~that~~ you will think ~~that~~ I have been forgetful of my promise regarding Professor Rogers' "Principles of Mechanical Philosophy", but my remissness has been only in appearance and not in fact, for the matter has been in my mind ever since I saw you. I have been so busied with Institute and other engagements that it is only within the past three weeks that I have been able

to look over the book carefully, and give a suitable consideration to the matter in question: I have done this, and after a good deal of thought have come to the conclusion that on the whole it is hardly wise to attempt a revision of the work. I am always rather prejudiced against works that have been "brought down to the times" as the saying is, since even when revised by their author it is rarely possible to so recast them as not to have them show traces of the early date at which they were originally written. It might seem that in a work on Mechanics this would not be the

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case, but there is a far greater change in the mode and order of treating such questions than one might think. I have, indeed, recast my own notes several times since I began to teach at the Institute. To make such extensive changes in the "Principles" as would be required to fit it to the present state of science and also to make the additions necessary to adapt it to the use of our present Institute classes, would I fear destroy much of the peculiar excellence of the work; as the language

would be greatly altered, and the methodical sequence of topics would be destroyed, so that I fear that the work would do injustice both to its author and to the reader. Its spirit and methods are still found in our present course, though the form is altered. The work served a most useful purpose in its day, and it is only to be regretted that it was not more widely known, but I think that by the cultivation and enforcement of the spirit which Professor Rogers impressed upon all his pupils, I can do both them and his memory a better service than by attempting to remodel his written

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words. And yet I am forced to this decision most regretfully, as I find so much in the work to admire. I have much the feeling regarding it that I have as to Dr. Young's Lectures on Natural Philosophy, as both are among those remarkably felicitous works which although necessarily defective because of the absence of recent discoveries, are models of all that such works should be in perspicuity of reasoning and accuracy of statement.

I do wish, however, that

Professor Rogers' physical papers, especially those relating to Binocular Vision and Sighting Flames might be reprinted so that at least his friends might be able to procure them in collected form.

I want to thank you for the N.Y. Post with a reference to the Cambridge Laboratory which came some weeks since. I hope that you are passing a pleasant, though it must be a somewhat sad summer at Newport. Mrs Cross and our little boy are at the mountains and well, but thus far I have been able to be with them but little.

I am yours very sincerely

Chas. R. Cross.

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Cambridge. Aug 14. 1883.

Dear Mrs Rogers,

Many thanks for the very liberal check for $100 which you have contributed toward the memorial window of the class of '54 in memory of my dear classmate and friend.

I have now received and transmitted in discharge of this obligation more than $1.500; the rest is assured in due time. I shall take pains to communicate to my class-mates, as I meet them, the

facts regarding the latest and most touching of the contributions to the memorial; and at our class meeting next year I am sure the class will properly recognize this very graceful act.

I shall forward the photograph prints to you immediately and, hoping ere long to meet you to thank you in person and renew some of our old pleasant associations, I am, dear Mrs Rogers, as ever cordially yours,

Henry Ward Ward Jr.

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Dear Mrs Rogers –

Your kind letter was received last night – I send the measurements of the pedestal – Thank you for your invitation – It is both a privilege and a delight to come to your home. I shall not miss coming – I hope you will come to the studio soon, as

I desire much to have you
see the Bowditch bust.

Yours gratefully & friend
J. H. Bartlett

Dec. 13th 1883.

THE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

IN MEMORY OF

PROF. WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS, LL.D.,

Late President.

AT a meeting of the Corporation of the MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, held May 23, 1883, the following resolution was adopted: —

"That the original building of the Institute of Technology be called hereafter the 'ROGERS BUILDING,' in recognition of the eminent services of Professor WILLIAM B. ROGERS, as the founder and organizer of the Institute; and that the announcement of this vote be made by the President at the graduating exercises of the year."

In pursuance of this resolve, the President of the Institute, at the close of the graduating exercises, May 29, made the following remarks and announcement: —

Members and Friends of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: —

Here, in this hall, one year ago, occurred an event which seemed at the time, indeed, most tragic and terrible. A great and good man, who for thirty years had been one of the most conspicuous figures in this cultured community, whither he had come from a distant State, already crowned with the highest honors which genius can command; who had in his own person exemplified with a rare fidelity all the virtues of the scholar and the citizen, to which was added the supreme grace of a philosophic eloquence that made his expositions of scientific truth radiant with a light which scarcely seemed to come from earth, — this man, whom we honored and loved, to whom we looked up as to master, teacher, father, fell, an unfinished sentence on his lips, instantly dead in our midst.

He had begun the wonderful story of electrical invention, when, without a warning, the clarion voice ceased, suddenly as when the electric circuit is broken; on the half-spoken thought fell the veil of eternal silence; over the eye that even at the instant flashed fire was drawn the film of death.

At the time, in the act, it seemed to every spectator a tragedy replete with all the elements of terror and of grief. Yet to me, at least, even before that stately and beloved form was laid in the grave, the whole character and bearing of the event had undergone a transformation.

I saw that only a scaffolding had fallen, revealing to the view the sublime perfection of a truly finished life. What place could have been better suited for that farewell to earth? "Dying in harness" had for years been a favorite phrase upon his lips; and at the last he died, a good knight, indeed, full-panoplied and at his post.

What ending could have been more sublimely appropriate to a life so chivalric? Where else, and how otherwise, should he have died than among his own works, in the very act and part of self-denying duty?

And now the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gratefully recognizing WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS as the founder of this school of industrial science, entertaining a profound appreciation of his vast and varied gifts, and of his vast and varied works in the interest of science, education, and human progress, and desiring to hold up his name and character to the youth who, through future generations, shall enter this school, as a bright example of high manhood, of scientific enthusiasm, and of heroic devotion to duty, do, here and now, affix to this structure, as its official title, in perpetuity, the name, —

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"That the original building of the Institute of Technology be called hereafter the 'ROGERS BUILDING,' in recognition of the eminent services of Professor WILLIAM B. ROGERS, as the founder and organizer of the Institute; and that the announcement of this vote be made by the President at the graduating exercises of the year."

In pursuance of this resolve, the President of the Institute, at the close of the graduating exercises, May 29, made the following remarks and announcement: —

Members and Friends of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: —

Here, in this hall, one year ago, occurred an event which seemed at the time, indeed, most tragic and terrible. A great and good man, who for thirty years had been one of the most conspicuous figures in this cultured community, whither he had come from a distant State, already crowned with the highest honors which genius can command; who had in his own person exemplified with a rare fidelity all the virtues of the scholar and the citizen, to which was added the supreme grace of a philosophic eloquence that made his expositions of scientific truth radiant with a light which scarcely seemed to come from earth, — this man, whom we honored and loved, to whom we looked up as to master, teacher, father, fell, an unfinished sentence on his lips, instantly dead in our midst.

He had begun the wonderful story of electrical invention, when, without a warning, the clarion voice ceased, suddenly as when the electric circuit is broken; on the half-spoken thought fell the veil of eternal silence; over the eye that even at the instant flashed fire was drawn the film of death.

At the time, in the act, it seemed to every spectator a tragedy replete with all the elements of terror and of grief. Yet to me, at least, even before that stately and beloved form was laid in the grave, the whole character and bearing of the event had undergone a transformation.

I saw that only a scaffolding had fallen, revealing to the view the sublime perfection of a truly finished life. What place could have been better suited for that farewell to earth? "Dying in harness" had for years been a favorite phrase upon his lips; and at the last he died, a good knight, indeed, full-panoplied and at his post.

What ending could have been more sublimely appropriate to a life so chivalric? Where else, and how otherwise, should he have died than among his own works, in the very act and part of self-denying duty?

And now the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, gratefully recognizing WILLIAM BARTON ROGERS as the founder of this school of industrial science, entertaining a profound appreciation of his vast and varied gifts, and of his vast and varied works in the interest of science, education, and human progress, and desiring to hold up his name and character to the youth who, through future generations, shall enter this school, as a bright example of high manhood, of scientific enthusiasm, and of heroic devotion to duty, do, here and now, affix to this structure, as its official title, in perpetuity, the name, —

"THE ROGERS BUILDING."