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Papers, April 1880

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President Rogers.

Dear Sir:

I have learned that the resolution of the Senate in regard to the appointment of more military instructors, is in the hands of Senator Burnside as sub-committee from the committee on Military Affairs. He has not yet reported on it.

Very respectfully yours.
Channing Whitaker

Apr. 3d 1880.

45 Equitable Building,
Boston.

Apl 5. 1880

My dear Sir—

I have been away most of the time since I received your kind note of 30th with Subscribers Book & have had no opportunity to look at it till now—

I hand you herewith my Check for $1000 & beg you will excuse my delay in

replying to your note —

Yours very truly

Fred'k L. Ames

Prof

Wm B. Rogers

117 Marlboro St

Dear Sir

Your note with subscription book & check for one thousand dollars in aid of the Institute of Technology is rec'd.

In behalf of the Institute I return my grateful acknowledgments for this most acceptable contribution to its funds and ask warm personal thanks for your generous liberality. I am Dear Sir

Your faithfully
W B R.

Wm. F. L. Ames.
April 5, 1882.

Comm: on School April 7 - 1880

1 The Com. to whom the Arsenal has been referred report that the charge for wood & repairs for U.S. Arms - amounting to $139 - ?

1. The Inst. has rec. from the A.D. Genl. Berry - for the use of the Mil. Dept. of the Inst. the Arms & accoutrements requested, including 2 Parrot guns & equipments, the latter are not to be fired - or to be taken out the building - A Bond has been given for the whole in the sum of Thousand Dollars.

2. The Chairman has given permission to teacher of Sch. of Mine Arts to receive as pupils on his own acct. & in the Carpenter's Shop of the Institute, himself providing the tools & materials. The Regular class of Carpentry is being thought of work, & will not be accommodated by the other arrangement - Five lads it is expected will make the Class. The Chairman assented to this plan without consulting any one, supposing that there could be no objection to it. Doubtful but it be allowed - on condition that the Inst. shall not incur a - & that it shall not be construed into a precedent.

3. Mention the Ball given by the 4th year's class by the other students - to cost, not exceed $150 for cap.

4. Read Dan's letter addressed from Japan - to Prof Langa.

5. Speak of the improvement in the Soc. of Arts - & of the New Edit. of the Catalogue

6 - Shall Barker's Pictures be accepted as last year for his teaches. Ask to have the charge against Rosa for teacher - relinquished by Institute,

7 – Resolution to Comm: that I may feel it important to go to Washington the Nat. Acad. business – before the State Meeting of Corp.s 14th – August State Meeting to be adjourned until the 2d. Wednesday of May – the 12th.

8. McMurtries letter.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8, 1880.

Dear Professor. Your letter of the 31st of March came duly to hand & I requested Mr Rhees to make the examination referred to therein. He has produced a series of memoranda which may answer your purpose to some degree, & they will be ready for you when you come on to the meeting, unless you prefer to receive them sooner. Many of the memoranda are simple hints which Mr Rhees is following up.

Very truly Yours.

Spencer Baird

Prof. Wm. B. Rogers
17 Marlborough Street.
Boston.
Mass.

Columbia College,
New York.

President's Room, Apr. 8, 1880.

My Dear Prof.,

You are no doubt apprised of the very unexpected death of Gen. Hector Tyndale, the most prominent, since the passing away of our greatly beloved friend, Prof. Henry, of the Trustees of the Tyndall fund. The original deed of trust makes it your duty, as President of the National Academy of Sciences, to fill the vacancy.

Prof. Youmans and myself have been desired by the executors of Mr. Gens Tyndale, to take possession of the securities which were deposited in his hands, and we propose to visit Philadelphia, so soon as preliminaries shall have been arranged for that purpose.

It is our desire that the vacancy should be filled as soon as may be convenient to you; for it is important that a definite policy should now be resolved upon in regard to the application of this fund, which has been hitherto allowed to accumulate in the hands of the trustees.

I do not know whether it would be becoming in me to suggest the name of a candidate, and I did not raise any question of persons when talking with Prof. Youmans; but I myself should be very much pleased to have either of our friends Gibbs, or Fairman Rogers, on the Board.

I will consult Prof. Youmans once more and write you again; but in the mean time it may occur to you to make

a selection of your own;
and any associate you may
give us will, I am sure,
be quite acceptable to Prof.
Guyot and myself.

I am, Very Sincerely Yours,
F. A. P. Barnard.

Prof W. B. Rogers.

Enclosures

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Office,

Washington, April 9th, 1880.

My dear Prof. Rogers;

Your request having been communicated to me by Prof. Coffin, I send you herewith by mail, a set of the publications of the National Academy of Sciences as far as it can be made up, together with copies of two letters to Prof. Marsh - for your information.

Very truly
Yours,

J. E. Hilgard

Prof. Wm B. Rogers;
President National Academy of Sciences,
117 Marlborough St.,
Boston, Mass.

P. S. - Publications marked in pencil Nos. 10, 11, and 12, are additional to those furnished Prof. Marsh.

To — —

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117 Marlborough St.
April 11. 1880

Dear Sir.

I send you herewith a copy of the last Catalogue of the Institute of Technology in the belief that you will be interested in some of its details. You will find in the list of our graduates & their occupations good evidence of the directly available & practical character of the training furnished by the School.

Of the high educational standing of the Institute I need not speak to you as I think you are already familiar with its history, but I wish now to call your attention to its need of funds to increase the scanty salaries of its professors, (which during the late business depression it became necessary to curtail) as well as

for maintaining its other appliances of Instruction on an adequate Scale.

Towards these objects ~~its friends~~ subscribers to the amount of ~~have already contributed~~ between sixty & seventy thousand dollars have already been obtained & we hope to secure double this ~~amount~~ sum before the close of the present School year.

I venture therefore to ask your generous aid, believing that there is no application of liberality which would more redound to the interests of sound education or to the honor of the Genee. that a provision to aid the Institute in sustaining & enlarging its educational work.

~~In view of these considerations I trust that you will be prompted to lend us a helping hand.~~

Any contribution which you may designate in the subscribers book hereafter sent will be most gratefully rec'd by the Institute & acknowledged by

Yours faithfully

William B Rogers

~~J. M. Pulsifer Esq.~~

Prof. Crafts.

117 Marlborough St.
Boston April 12, 1880

Dear Sir

You were kind enough some time since to authorize Mr. S. C. Cobb to put your name down in the subscription book of the Institute of Technology for the sum of five hundred dollars, in aid of the Institute.

Having a practical sense of your liberal purpose I am reluctant to send you the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Should it suit your convenience to send your check to the Treasurer Mr. John Cummings it will be most gratefully acknowledged.

Oblige — Yours truly & resp.y

S. R. Payson. William B Rogers.

Liberal purpose

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

April 12, 1880.

My dear Prof. Rogers;

I have your note of April 10th. Coffin did not show me your note to him. He felt all his pockets and found he had left it behind. I complied with your request as far as he was able to state it. He said he was afraid he would not be able to act as Secretary, because his physical troubles were so great in the morning that he would not be able to attend the business meetings. You must therefore look out for having one of the Council to act as Secretary in his place. (Newcomb would be

the best man) - as well as for an efficient Assistant Secretary, whose election was provided for at the last Session, for the business sessions of the academy. I am sorry to say that I cannot undertake any duty of that kind at this next meeting, and cannot hope to do more than be present at the business meetings - In the future, however, I hope to be able to take an active part, and I should not object to resume the office of Secretary if Prof. Coffin resigns. It would of course be convenient to have one of the Washington men act as assistant Secretary - Among them, the available ones are alphabetically: Abbe, Cones, Gill, Hall (Asaph) Newcomb, Schott & Woodward. Woodward is sick and will be absent. Newcomb will probably consider his service in the Council as all he can do. Abbe's and Cones' membership is too recent. Gill, Hall, and Schott are equally eligible for probable efficiency. I will endeavor to have ready for you a list of reports made by the Academy at the request of Departments of the

Government, for comparison with that prepared by yourself. Please let me know where you will stay. My house address is 1709 R. I. avenue.

Yours faithfully
J. E. Hilgard

Prof. Wm B. Rogers,
President National Academy of Scien.
117. Marlborough St.,
Boston, Mass.

1901 I. St.
Washington D.C.
April 12. 1880

Prof. W. B. Rogers

My dear Sir

I should have responded earlier to yours of March 28. But I have been more or less hindered by my usual spring attack of rheumatic weakness or dyspepsia, so that I fear I may not be able to attend the meeting of the Academy except in afternoons.

Prof. Hilgard has one report of Prof. Henry. (1868), which I have requested him to send you. His reports were made to Congress, & it may be possible, & it is desirable to hunt them up & collect them. I write to Mr Rhees

of the Smithsonian Institution to this effect.

There is no record in the Academy of the responses to calls ~~of~~ the ~~Academy~~ Government for suggestions or investigations. The calls have been reported, but the responses, except in a few cases, not.

It seems desirable that the latter should be collected. Some of them were considered as confidential: & generally no copies seem to have been retained.

Very truly yours

J. H. C. Coffin

Columbia College,
New York.

President's Room, Apr. 12, 1880.

My Dear Prof.,

I am in receipt of your note of yesterday. As it is doubtful if the pressure of my duties and the state of my health will allow me to go to Washington, I write to suggest that, in case Gibbs should not be willing to act as Trustee, Merton of Hoboken would be a very good man; and in the present state of the business would be an eligible appointment because he is near us. The Trustees will have to meet several times,

probably during the coming year. I hope however, that Gibbs will consent to serve.

Sincerely Yours,
F. A. P. Barnard

Prof. W. B. Rogers.

Popular Science Monthly,

549 & 551 Broadway,

New York, April 12th 1880

Dear Prof. Rogers

Dr Barnard informs me he has written you suggesting the appointment of a Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the recent death of Gen. Ingraham. He mentions three names Gibbs, Fairman Rogers, & Morton of Hoboken, all excellent, but it seems to me that the great practical advantages of ready cooperation which it is so desirable to secure makes Morton the most eligible man. I think he would be a competent and efficient Trustee and his appointment would minimize the mechanical impediments to the combined action of busy men.

Yours very truly

E. L. Youmans

117 Marlborough St
Boston April 13.
1880

Horace McMurtrie Esqr.

Dear Sir

I have been delayed in replying to your letter, by Institute cares & the press of other business. I have however considered very carefully, & in your interest as well as in that of the Institute, the subject to which it relates, & now give you as you have requested, my frank advice.

On looking at all the circumstances including especially the wish of the Govt. to secure the active cooperation of influential residents of Boston on the board, I think it wise to accept your proposal to resign.

The designs enclosed in your letter have as you requested, been put into the hands of Mr Kastner who is still in charge of the dept., for which & for your kind expressions of regard accept the sincere thanks of

Yours very truly

Wm B. Rogers.

Mr. R. C. Brentin

National Board of Health,

University Va
~~Washington, D. C.~~, April 14th 1880

My dear Mr. Rogers

I mail to day an official letter addressed to you in your official capacity as President of the National Academy of Sciences, but in order to insure its delivery in the contingency of your leaving Boston before it could reach you there I have sent it to the Secretary of the National Board of Health to be delivered to you or in your absence to the Vice President of the Academy. The object of the letter is to thank the Academy for the aid the Board has received from the Committee appointed to cooperate with us, and to suggest and solicit the continuance

to your experimental funds & especially direct your influence towards Mr. Wash. Atkins, you will confer a great favor upon us. Write kind regards to Mrs. Rogers. I am truly & cordially your friend
J. S. Carbell

of that Committee or the appointment of a new one to cooperate with us in our future work.

If you are going to Washington you may have it in your power individually to aid us in a matter which is just now critical. Mr. Blount of Georgia Chairman of the Sub-Committee having charge of the Sundry Civil Appropriations is indisposed to include our Estimates in his bill. In other words he proposes to let the Board die from inanition.

At my instance he called a meeting of his Sub-Committee for last Saturday Evening in order to give me a hearing. Himself & Mr. James Monroe of Ohio attended. The other member of the Sub-Committee Mr. McMahon, also of Ohio, did not attend. I took with me Senator Harris and the Hon. Casey Young of Tennessee, who are the Chairman of the Senate & House Committees on Epidemics respectively and who introduced & had charge of the bills under which the Board has its existence.

They satisfied Mr. Monroe that the Board was in duty bound under the provisions of the law to incur the expenses actual & prospective to which Mr. Blount had taken exception, and they silenced Mr. Blount himself. It is by no means certain that they convinced him. On the eve of a Presidential Election this gentleman desires to gain for his (democratic) party the credit of economy. But it is needless to say to you that this policy should not be carried to the

extent of an undiscriminating & unreasonable opposition to expenditures absolutely necessary to carry out the provisions of a beneficent law. Now if Wm McMahon had been present at our meeting I should feel confident that he would have felt the force of Senator Harris' statements & arguments. If you happen to know him or to have any means of influencing him through others we shall be greatly indebted to you if you would express to him your views of the economical value to the Country of a well organized System of preventive medicine.

Senator Harris' positions are these:

1. The Constituting Act, approved March 3rd 1879, gives the Board a legal existence until Congress chooses by direct legislation to abolish it.
2. The Act approved June 2d 1879 requires the Board to do whatever is necessary "to prevent the introduction of Contagious & Infectious diseases into the U. S. or from one State into another."
3. This last Act after its Several Sections had been all voted out & passed except the last was amended upon motion of Senator Morgan by the addition of the last Section limiting its operations to five years. This was accepted by Senator Harris on the ground that he was quite willing that the quarantine powers thus granted should be judged by the results of the five years trial. But if Congress should not choose to extend it beyond the five years the Board would still exist & act under the Constituting Act. But during the five years it will require money to operate the quarantine stations.

If you can aid us by speaking a favorable word

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HALF RATE MESSAGES.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. 523 ny NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Boston Mass Apl 16 1880

Received at 1247a

To Prof Wm B Rogers

Warnleys Hotel

Washn DC

Mr Boare having positively declined renomination the undersigned regularly appointed committee nominate you as president of the natural history ~~soc~~ society

Francis A Osborn
B Jay, Jeffries
Hepatr Samuel Wells

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

My Dear Dr Cobb

Your letter of Nov 22 forwarded from Boston has just reached me.

I shall ~~[illegible]~~ make ~~[illegible]~~ special effort to which you refer, & ~~[illegible]~~ take an early opportunity ~~of [illegible]~~ of it to the Academy, and to ask their action ~~upon~~ your suggestion of a committee ~~to be appointed~~ of our Board ~~for~~ to confer with the Bd. of Health in this public work.

I am interested with the importance to the country of a whole organized system of preventive medicine, & ~~shall [illegible]~~ shall greatly regret ~~if [illegible]~~ if ideas so called economy should ~~[illegible]~~ the public useful ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ of the lower classes & laborers of your Board, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ fear as it ~~[illegible]~~ is

demonstrating the value of ~~its~~ ~~Defense~~ the Dominion ~~which~~ it can render — & before its large plans of usefulness ~~can~~ can be reduced to practice —

I regret that they have shown a grave ~~&~~ with the petty obstacles of Congress — & the future men ~~and~~ will give the bill more little opportunity to aid the noble purpose of the Canal. but I shall glad to what may be in my power.

Washington April 18. 1880

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Gloucester, April 22d

Dr. S. Kneeland,

Dear Sir:

Remembering your kindness some twenty years ago, I venture to ask you advice about my son Salisbury. He wishes to enter the Institute of Technology. He has been two years in the High School here, and is fitted – I think – to pass examination in every thing but French, having studied Latin & Greek instead. I am anxious

to have him later next year - but as my means are very limited I can not do so unaided.

Can you give me any information how the scholarships are obtained?

And oblige

Yrs. truly

L. W. Tuckerman

Rev. Rogers: I have answered this to the effect that she had better apply to you in regard to the "Savage scholarships". She is a most estimable lady; but what business she refers to I do not remember, unless some little attention then to some other sick children. S.K.