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January 4 1888

36, Longridge Road,
S. W.

Dear Mrs Rogers

It was a very kind thought to send me with your good wishes, which I am sure will bring me luck, that photograph of your beautiful country. I only wish I saw my way to getting among the actual trees, but perhaps that friendly wish of yours will come true some day with the others. Your country looks as if it

had a great pull over the Oxford region in the matter of bracingness. But different countries are for different moods and Oxford answers to some moods of the spirit. I am glad you saw it when it was so bright I feel that I was saw some light in England to beat what we had about the time you were in Oxford. And no doubt by a social illusion I remember our day at Godstow as the brightest of all.

I am just on the point of getting to work again with Mr. Archer, whose silvery tones you may remember. Wishing you a very happy New Year, and a speedy return to England

Yours faithfully
D. S. MacColl

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Newport Jan 19/88

Dear Mrs. Rogers.

It will give me a great deal of pleasure to accept your kind invitation for the 26th.

My absence in Boston yesterday and some uncertainty about my movements prevented Mrs. Pumpelly from answering earlier.

Yours faithfully

Raphael Pumpelly.

80 Sparks Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

10 May, 1888.

My dear Mrs Rogers.

I laid before the Council of the Historical Society today a statement of your wishes regarding the exchange of the portrait of Mr Savage, viz. that your wish was that the Society should freely exercise its own preference —

Many gentlemen, among the older members, preferred the earlier picture, as a matter of sentiment; others were quite indifferent, so when I told them that you did not in the least wish to control their decision really had no preference, they voted that I should write to you that they prefer to retain the earlier picture -

The gentlemen of the Society have a deep sense of gratitude for your kindness in the generous offer you made them, while at the same time you gracefully yield to them the option in a final decision -

Truly faithfully Yours

Charles Deane

Mrs Emma Rogers -

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Cambridge
May 10. 1888

My dear Mrs. Rogers,

I am very much obliged to you for your kind invitation to your house to hear Professor Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt is a friend whom I should like to hear very much.

But my health will not permit me to visit Marlboro St. in the evening & I feel myself obliged to decline your invitation.

With many thanks,
sincerely yours,
Frederic H. Hedge.

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Phila. Oct 4th 88

1532, Chestnut St

My dear Mrs. Rogers

My sister and I thank you very heartily for your kind invitation for Saturday, and are sorry to be obliged to regret that we cannot accept it. We have exchanged the delights of Newport for the noise and dust of a very disagreeable city home, — but after all it is home, and my Father made the journey very comfortably.

Yr. truly L. G. Rodgersteen

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON D. C., Nov. 30,1888.

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Believe me to be, madam, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

W J Mcher.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"PALWAT, LONDON."

NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE CLUB,
PALL MALL.

London
2 April 1889

Dear Madam

My cousin's wife Lady Samuel Ashburner has sent me the Memoir of Sir James Savage which you so kindly said I might have & which it was most good of you to forward to me – I see the account does not say where Thomas Savage who arrived in Boston in 1635 came therefrom – He seems to have been cruel with some of the M.S.S. referred

to in the Memoir – the same
cause destroyed some years ago
the earlier volumes of the
Harleian Society's publications
which I dare say you know –
The Genealogical Dictionary
must have been a great
interest to the late Mr
Savage – I wrote two or three
days ago to Mr David
Hawkins asking him whether
he could at all help me with
information as to a John
Berry of New York – I
see no mention is made
as to Mr James Otis Lincoln
being of President Lincoln's
family – The Genealogy is a hobby of
mine & I am much indebted
to you for your kind gift –

Yours truly

Reginald Stewart Boddington

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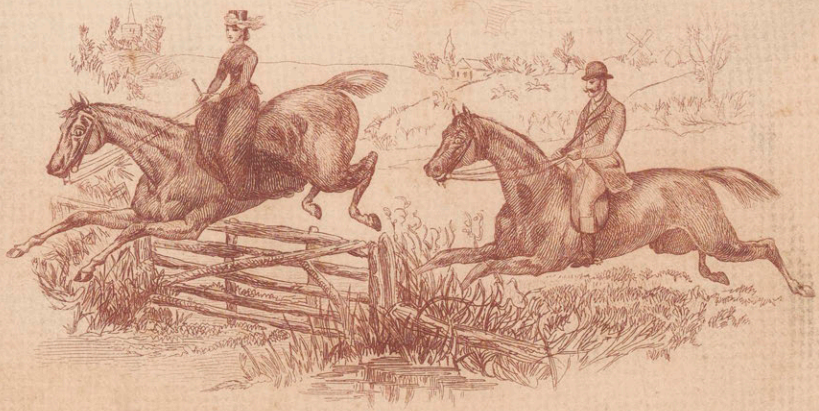
Fourth Annual Dinner

Class of 1890,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Young's Hotel, May 2, 1890.

Programme.

The T-Square Quartette has kindly offered to furnish the evening's entertainment, which will be interrupted at intervals by members of the Class, as follows:—

N. B. "Good orators, when they are out they will spit."

INTERRUPTION No. 1.

"A jest's prosperity lies in the ear of him that hears it; never in the tongue of him that makes it."

INTERRUPTION No. 2.

"He that is robbed not wanting what is stolen,
Let him not know it, and he is not robbed at all."

INTERRUPTION No. 3.

"The rhyme is out of joint."

INTERRUPTION No. 4.

"Destroy his fib, or sophistry, in vain!
The creature's at his dirty work again."

Farewell! a word that must be, and hath been.
A sound which makes us linger, yet—farewell!!

MENU.

Go!

OYSTERS AND LITTLE NECK CLAMS ON SHELL.

SOUP.

Mock Turtle. Consommé, Noodles.

FISH.

Broiled North River Shad à la Maître d'Hôtel.

REMOVES.

Sirloin of Beef with Mushrooms. Roast Philadelphia Chicken.
Roast Ham, Champagne Sauce.

ENTREES.

Potted Pigeon au Macedoine. Lobster Cutlets à la Cardinal.
Banana Fritters, Wine Sauce. Chicken Croquettes, Sauce Suprême.
Spaghetti, Parmesan au Gratin.
Lobster Salad. *Chicken Salad.*

SWEETS.

Strawberry Shortcake. Charlotte Russe. Madeira Jelly.
Assorted Cake. Frozen Pudding. Biscuit Glacé.

DESSERT.

Strawberries. Pineapple. Ice Cream.
Sherbert. Coffee.

"All's well that ends well!"

Class Officers.

President.

GARY NATHAN CALKINS.

Vice-President.

ATHERTON LORING.

Secretary and Treasurer.

FRANKLIN KNIGHT.

Executive Committee.

FRED METCALF. BERT MOODY.

ALLEN HASTINGS ROGERS.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

JOHN DE KALB GLIDDEN.

Toast Master.

BILLY RIP.

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1239, VERMONT AVENUE.

29 Oct 1890

Mrs Henry unable to attend the Society of the Best Reading at Newport regrets that she cannot also forego the pleasure of responding to the kind invitation of Mrs Wm B Rogers for the evening of 12th Nov –

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Hot Springs Virginia,
July 26. 1890

My Dear Colonel Waring,

I write at once to tell you of the uncertainty of my plans & to ask you not to announce the reading of my paper definitely. Besides the Delphic matter which may take me out west, I have a complication of work & other engagements which I hardly can see my way to clearing up with the limit of time to my American visit.

Now, much as I should have enjoyed staying with you & Mrs Waring & reading a paper before your club, I should not feel justified in travelling to Newport & remaining there for some time, unless I were called there to deliver those lectures which, in another sense, I should have given at New York. I feel that this is the only way in which there might be some chance of accomplishing anything for the accomplishment of which it appears there is not much chance at Newport as yet.

I hope I may be able to return your

Club at some other time when I am less preoccupied. Perhaps we might meet in New-York before I leave for England. I should enjoy having a good talk with you.

Pray remember me most kindly to Mrs Waring

& believe me

Yours very sincerely

Chas Waldstein

It will give General Abbot great pleasure to accept the invitation of Mrs. William B. Rogers to be present at her reception on Wednesday Evening Nov. 12th unless unexpectedly prevented from attending this meeting of the Academy.

New York City
Oct 31 1890

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Washington D.C.
Octob. 31. 1890

I shall not be able to leave Washington for the Boston Meeting of the Academy hence I regret much not to have the pleasure of meeting you & Mrs. Rodgers on Nov. 12.

yours very truly
Chas. A. Schott

Prof. W. B Rogers
117 Marlboro' St
Newport

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Park Avenue Hotel
New York Nov. 3. 1890

Dear Mr. Rogers—

I am obliged to decline your kind invitation for next week. I think it is only right to inform you that I have now been for two years a great invalid. An organic trouble of the heart from which I had long suffered, assumed serious proportions when I was last in England in October 1888. and on my return two years since I was at death's door for some time. Since since have I had relapses & have been in a hospital for periods of ten weeks & nine weeks. It is only five weeks since I was last discharged & am now better than

have been for two years, but still a prisoner in this hotel which I now make my home. I have part of my library with me & can do somehours work daily with my pen. The circular which I enclose will show that I have not been idle. I expect to see my Mineralogy in print by the spring-time, and am not without hopes that I may be able to make little journeys next spring.

I recall gratefully, dear Mr. Rogers, your many kindnesses to me, and I remain always cordially yours

T. Sterry Hunt

Mr William B. Rogers

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON.

Mr Goode will be unable to be present at the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, and sincerely regrets that he cannot accept the invitation of Mrs William B. Rogers for Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Nov. 6, 1890

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

Mr. T. C. Mendenhall regrets his inability to accept the kind invitation of Mrs. William B. Rogers for Wednesday evening, November twelfth to meet the National Academy of Sciences.

Washington, D.C.,
Nov. 7, 1890.

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YALE UNIVERSITY.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,
No. 3, SHEFFIELD HALL,

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
New Haven, Connecticut, April 15, 1891

Dear Mrs Rogers:

Your note came on Tuesday with the little volume by Berzelius. It will give me pleasure to hand the letter to the librarian of the Berzelius Society and I do not doubt the gift will be highly appreciated by the members of the Society. Accept my thanks for your kind thoughtfulness in sending it. I shall take the opportunity to say a few words to the young gentlemen in regard to my dear old friend, and the great work he did for science in this country. It is well that the young men should hear something from time to time of the energetic spirit

of such pioneers as your husband. It is always delightful for me to recall the friendship with which he honored me for so many years, and I consider it one of the blessed privileges of my life that I knew him so well.

Mrs Brock received a letter from you a few days since and will acknowledge it as soon as she recovers from the "grip", which has severely afflicted her eyes.

Pray kind regards from us both, believe me

Sincerely Yours

Ho. J. Brock

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Friday

Quincy Street, April 17th 78.
Cambridge.

Dear Mrs Ryan

If you have a spare hour from 4.30 to 5.30 this afternoon will you join a meeting at Mrs Heaton's where a report is to be read on the affairs of the Annex: — The unfortunate comes my late because the meeting is called suddenly and

I fear some of these in
North West & so these
may not have received
their invitation in time.

I therefore write this
same fraternal note,
enclosing the official
card —

Always Most Cordially Yours
Elizabeth C. Agnew.

Meeting at 4.30
No 1 Washington St.
Twin Mountain

c/o Baring Bros & Co
London

Belle Isle Aug 3
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My dear Friend

May we hope to see you with one or two of your house here to see the men from our wheels Friday - or when the Goelet cup comes off if not postponed too long - Mrs Watt & I & family are with us & we hope to see one or two more from Boston

A line by mail will reach us after the addressed to Bellevue Newport only

Yours always
J. M. Forbes

Oct 92

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

Mrs. Swain and I are very greatly obliged to you for your note and for the concert tickets, which I enclose herewith. We have no season tickets this year, and were very glad indeed to go last evening. The programme was very interesting and enjoyable, and we both derived a great deal of pleasure from the concert. I send you a copy of the pamphlet, which may interest you.

I am glad that we shall soon see you back in Boston,

though I always feel that if I were not obliged to come back I should stay in the country until November. This year it must be especially delightful to be in the country through this glorious October.

With renewed thanks for the tickets, from Mrs. Swain and myself, and with sincerest wishes for your health, I am

Yours most truly
George F. Swain.

Oct. 23d, 1892
409 Marlboro St.

Boston - Nov. 27th '92 -

Dear Mrs. Rogers. Thank you for your note & for that from Miller - I do have just read them both, & like them well - Miller writes very simply & with a good deal of feeling - It brings back the old days, & we both hope some day to visit this quiet grave - Dear old fellow! He would have cared for our graves with a tender hand -

He is safe & his memory is sweet. & some day we shall see him again.

Thank you for your kindness -

Yours

U. L. Huggins.

Mrs. W. B. Rogers.

If you ever write to Miller will you remember to him most kindly.

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

BOSTON, Dec. 6 1892

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

If you will be so good as to sign these three blanks and return them to me, the mill will grind as usual for another year, and we shall add so much to the pleasant obligation that we already feel toward you.

Yours Sincerely
Charles H. Levermore

January 4th '93

My dear Mrs Rogers -

So many years have passed since I last saw you, that I presume you have forgotten my identity. I will recall it by saying that I was one of the conversationalists at the school of Mr. A. Bronson Alcott at the old Masonic Temple school, in 1835. When unpacking some boxes of books, which had been stored for many years, I came across two books of the "conversations." In the Recorders preface I found a list of the given names of the scholars, the last names having been omitted, lest as it was quaintly stated, it might affect the vanity of

the youthful participants
If then occurred to me that
it would be curious to learn
who these odd beings were, &
feeling sure that the vanity
of the present elderly ladies
and gentlemen would not be
unduly affected I tried to
recall them to fill out the
book - I thought of a number
but the lapse of years has
blunted my memory too much
I then thought of Miss Elizabeth
Peabody but learned from her
cousin that she was in no con-
dition physically or mentally
to give me any assistance.
In default I wrote to Revd
Edward E Hale, knowing that
he was about the school in
those days - He supplied two
or three names, and seemed
somewhat amused at the
matter - By his suggestion
I then wrote to Col Alexander
Bliss at Washington. He has
the same books but could
only corroborate in a few
cases - Now it has occurred
to me that you may have
retained a list, or have a
better memory than I have
I have therefore taken the
liberty of writing to you to
see if you can aid the quest
in any way, by adding the
names in the list (which
I enclose) or verifying or
correcting those to which I
have placed interrogation
marks - I dont think the
names will ever be published
so there need be no fear on the
score of delicacy - it is merely
a question of curiosity - Hoping
that it will not cause you
any trouble and that you can
assist I remain
truly Yours
Nathan P Rice

Rice

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

BOSTON, Feb. 21 1893

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

My delay in acknowledging your kind note has not been due to any lack of appreciation. I had to go to the western part of the state for a day, and then waited to speak to one of the men whom I thought would like a card.

My two assistants Henry L. Seaver and Robert G. Valentine will be very glad of the reading tickets, and are sure to make good use of them if you choose to let them have the privilege.

If you prefer that the tickets should be used by actual students — undergraduates, — I will find them instead.

I thank you for what you say of the "Diary." I wrote it in all sincerity and with a great deal of sympathy. It has been attacked in a way which seems to me undeserved and which has hurt me, so that your commendation is doubly welcome.

The winter has slipped past with amazing rapidity, and I am, as usual at this season, confronted with the fact that I have made few friends in my field of work. I could attend to attention to attend to at once. I trust that my friends and

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acquaintances judge me leniently for this shortcoming. I am sure that you at least are kindly enough to forgive my seeming lack of courtesy and to believe me

Always most sincerely yours,

Arlo Bates.

My dear Mr Rogers,

I am called upon to contribute my mite to a history of the Prov. Institution and I appeal to you as your father's daughter whether my statement that the Bank was established partly at the urgent request of good Bishop Chevenus, that his people (as he called them,) might not be tempted to spend or lose their little savings, and that a few years later he urged the retention of a part of the

earnings to form a surplus dividend every five years, — as this is an inducement to keep their money in after they had put it in. This I have always heard with details over and over, but your kinsman, Mr. Hilliard, thinks that I am misinformed, and in the absence of any one who has been longer connected with the Bank than I, my resort is to your childish recollections of your father's talk on the subject.

Of your father's work I have said what I have always believed, that the Bank owed more to his devotion with his probity, judgment, independence, than to any one of the long list of faithful, competent men who have served the institution disinterestedly all these twenty seven years. — When forty years ago I was Secretary of the Board of Investment, I used to enjoy your father's sometimes explosions and admire his independence.

Yours truly,
Henry Lee

Brookline,
April 7. 1893.

Oct. 10, 1893
80 Huntington Ave.
Boston, Mass.

My dear lady:-

I take liberty to inclose to you a card and 3 tickets to a lecture, that will be delivered at the Huntington Hall, next Wednesday, by an Armenian of national reputation.

I should ask you very much to extend one ticket to that young lady I met at your house last year. I cannot remember her name. She and I had a long talk, that evening, about Eastern life; she was very much interested in Oriental affairs. I am sure she will like this lecture.

On that evening I met also Prof. Sedgewick & his wife, one of Gen. Walkers sons, and some

Tech. men. I am trying thus to make you recall her to your mind. The remaining tickets you can give to friends, if you please.

You shall oblige me exceedingly by this favor.

yours respectfully
T. A. Torossian
(of Bulgaria Tech '94)

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Hoboken N. J.
Dec. 1. 1893

My dear Mrs Rogers:

Your very kind letter inquiring of my good boy gave him great pleasure. He cannot use his eyes, and his life for one so young and bright is a dreary one. Your letter made him quite happy, especially as it was from one of whose kindness to him he has often spoken.

I am happy to say that his eye is slowly improving and Dr Noyes has hope that its sight may be restored. It is only three weeks since Dr Noyes was able to examine it with the ophthalmoscope

when he found that the whole of the eye even the retina had been affected.

Ever since his return home Alfred has applied water to his eye, as hot as he can bear it, for four hours each day. This, with the use of atropine has brought about a slow improvement which to him must appear very very slow.

His Mama & I read to him each day and do all we can to make his life as cheerful as possible.

He is the only child we have left us and you know how much we must be devoted to such an excellent son in his affliction, which however, he bears manfully.

Alfred sends his sincere thanks to you for your kind letter and his mother and I also thank you.

Ever yours sincerely

Alfred M. Mayer