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Papers, 1894-1897

W. B. ROGERS
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Rogers Laboratory of Physics,
Mass. Institute of Technology.

Boston, June 22, 1894.

My dear Mrs Rogers,

Your very kind letter of yesterday supplemented by a call from Professor Sedgwick today gives me pleasant opportunity to say how glad I am that the work you have undertaken is so well under way. I look forward to its completion as giving us one of those few books which mark an epoch in the history of education, and not less do I anticipate in it a source of healthful pride and satisfaction to every Institute alumna and student.

Early next week I hope to send you all the papers and documents in my possession. They are far fewer than I had hoped to make them, but you of course know the reason. The most complete set of printed documents that I know of, relating to the early history of the Institute, is bound and kept in the General Library of the Institute, whence of course it is obtainable if you desire to consult it.

If I can in any further way aid

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Rogers Laboratory of Physics,
Mass. Institute of Technology.

you I should be only too happy to do so.

Mrs. Holman greatly regretted that she was away at the time of your call. We spent ten days out of town – starting quite unexpectedly. It had been her intention to call upon you before you left town, but the tax upon her time and strength here has prevented many things. She joins me in kindest remembrances and regards to you. We leave on the 8th inst. for Bear Id., N.H. which will be our summer address.

Yours very sincerely,
Silas W. Holman.

Wallingford Sepr 20th 1894

Dear Lady:

A thousand thanks for your affectionate invitation which however I must not accept for reasons good and sufficient.

I forego the pleasure you so kindly offer me with real regret and thank you again and again for this new manifestation of your good will.

The poor deluded vegetation of these parts really excites my pity. It has, under the rain, put on fresh green "things" and come out for a "good time" as if it

thought warm days would never cease? — and the killing frost is waiting round the corner, as it were —

I am sure you will be happy to hear that I went in to see the doctor yesterday for a knee of yearly inspection. He received me with cordiality, entertained me with a long dull story, listened to what I had to say with levity, and dismissed me with contempt —

Thanking you again for your kindness I am

My dear Mrs. Rogers

Always Yours faithfully

J. B. Brown

25 Buckingham St.

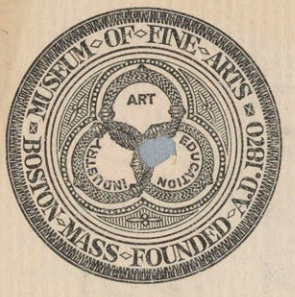
Public Library,

Cambridge, Mass. Dec. 24 1894

Dear Sir

I should order a carriage (from Cambridge) & be here at 6.15, though it does not take more than 35-40 minutes from here & I may, if I reach my house, let the driver come to Harvard Square & then follow the Huron avenue car (up Garden St. & Concord ave.) to Buckingham St. where my house is the first on the right side – just adjoining the Catholic church & parsonage, which are at the corner. To allow for hurrying he might leave Boston at 5.20 & then be here soon after 6.

Yours truly
T. W. Higginson



January 15. 1895

Dear Mrs Rogers:-

Inquiries have already been made in regard to the so-called Brawner. Will you please let me know what has last been agreed upon. I should advise Mrs Gould to accept anything she can get.

Yours Cordially

Chas. G. Loring

Yours Truly,

Geo. E. Fenning

Metropolitan Museum of Art.
CENTRAL PARK,
FIFTH AVENUE AND EIGHTY-SECOND ST.

OFFICE
OF THE
PRESIDENT.

Port
New ~~York~~, Oct 2 1895

Dear Mr Rogers

I am advised by Mr Robinson that he has taken the portrait by Harding to the shipper — he says it is a good work & will add to our display — I am much obliged to you for your help & trust that you will see the exhibition the opening is set for 4 November

Very sincerely yrs
DH Chamberlain

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Brookline
Nov 30. 1895

Dear Mrs Rogers.

I send you a few letters which survived the general sifting of a few years ago. There can not be all the letters which Professor Rogers wrote but I suppose that many referring to dust matters went into the hands of the Secretary — all letters were destroyed that did not seem of importance after the matter to which

they pertained had
been attended to –
Some time ago I
called at your house
but found it closed.
Was told that you
had not returned
from Newport.
Mrs R sends love &
best wishes – I hope
before long to report
for myself in person –

Sincerely yours
J. D. Runkle

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY,

BERKELEY STREET,

BOSTON, MASS., Jan 27 1896

My dear Mrs Rogers

Very sorry to hear that any trouble has obliged you to keep within doors. We have had a hard time this winter all hands having been sick except myself with serious throat disease but they are now coming safely out of it and I hope you will soon have the same success.

I write of course specially to thank you for your generous remembrance of the Huxley fund.

I have always differed from Huxley fundamentally but that has never prevented me from recognizing his great services to science and to the cause of

liberal and free thought.

It required great courage and wisdom to do successfully what he did in this direction.

Again thanking you I remain

Yours cordially

Alpheus Hyatt.

EDITORIAL OFFICE OF
The Atlantic Monthly,
BOSTON.

3 March 1896

Dear Mrs. Rogers

If the MS is ready, will you kindly send it to Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 4 Park St.? It will at once be brought to me and be under my charge. I am very glad to know that you are to bring out a volume of your husband's letters, and as soon as we can have the of-

EDITORIAL OFFICE OF
The Atlantic Monthly,
BOSTON.

5 March 1879

Dear Mr. Hayes

If the wig is ready, may
I trouble you to send it to Hughes
Duffie & Co. 4 Park St.? It
will be of use to Sargent & we
need to write my letters. I am
very glad to know that you
are to stay out a portion of
your housework time, and so
you see we can have the

portunity to become acquainted with the book. We will either write you or call upon you. It will be possible to speak more intelligently after seeing the book and ascertaining its scope.

Very truly yours

W. E. Scudder.

Mrs. W. B. Rogers.

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
PHILADELPHIA, U. S. A.,
15 SOUTH SEVENTH ST.

ACTUARY'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, Apl 23d 1896.

Mr H. Darwin Rogers
5339 Green St
Germantown.

Dear Sir,— Having made diligent search through the Institute's records for evidence bearing on the presentation of a memorial and plan drawn up by Mr W. B. Rogers or Mr H. D. Rogers, in relation to establishing a School of Arts, I fail to find any reference to it.

The minutes show however that on Nov 24th 1837 Mr A. V. Merrick stated to the Board of Managers that he, in connection with a number of gentlemen interested in the promotion of instruction, had prepared a set of resolutions and to facilitate action, should the Board look with favor on the project, a memorial to the Legislature of Penna, looking to the establishing of a "School of Arts". The minutes then recite that the memorial was read, but fail to copy it, and then follow the resolutions appointing to take charge of the matter and to memorialize the legislature with the view of obtaining an appropriation of money to carry out the project. The further references on the minutes consist of reports of progress from time to time until they conclude with the announcement that the House of Representatives passed the bill but on the following day reconsidered it and later defeated it.

After consulting with our Secretary we conclude that if the memorial used was that of which Mrs Rogers is in search, it was probably forwarded to Harrisburg and became a part of the records there in connection with house bill No 104 of the legislative session of 1837-8.

We have in our library the "Journal of the House of Representatives covering that session and there is contained

in it a history of the course of the bill referred to from day to day until its final defeat.
Many references are made to the presentation by different members of petitions and memorials favoring the bill from various parts of the State, but in no case are the authors named nor are copies of them printed in the proceedings. The House Journal does not contain a copy of the bill either. I presume defeated bills are not published for permanent preservation in the records of legislation printed for distribution.

The only way, it seems to me, to obtain a copy of the document desired, (if it was among those used in furtherance of the bill) would be to get it from the original records at Harrisburg, which I suppose are there preserved. I regret our inability to supply it. If we can be of any service in an attempt to do this, should Mrs Rogers desire it, we will be pleased to do what we can.

Yours Very Truly
W. L. Hey Secretary

Boston Public Schools,
Superintendent's Office,
April 27, 1896.

Mrs. William B. Rogers,

117 Marlborough St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Rogers:-

I have some inquiries to make about the life and public service of your father, Mr. James Savage, for the purpose of reporting to the Committee on School Houses on the desirability of restoring his name to one of the public schools of this city.

Dr. Samuel A.Green, Librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, writes me that you may have some copies of a memorial prepared for that Society by Mr. Hillard, and published in Volume XVI of its proceedings in March 1878. If you have a copy of this memorial to spare and will send it to me, I shall find it very useful to preserve among the documents of this office. For present use, I can of course refer to the library of the Historical Society.

Very truly yours,

Edwin P. Seaver,

Superintendent of Public Schools

By S. J. M.

William and Mary College.

Williamsburg, Va. May 13 1896

My dear Madam,

Major Jed Hotchkiss, of Staunton, recently suggested to me to apply to you for a bust of your eminent husband, Dr. Rogers, who so illustrated the history of the country. The object of this letter is to say that we should be proud to be the custodians of such a gift, and would be glad to give it a place of prominence in our Library. We might to have also some portrait of his father. If you could help us along these two lines, we should be proud.

With sincere respect

Yours Lyon G. Tyler Pres. W.M.C.

Mrs. W. B. Rogers.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

BOSTON, May 17th, 1896.

My dear Mrs. Rogers:

I have looked over your Ms with a great deal of interest. I have often wished that you might undertake the publication of Professor Roger's letters; and now I shall look forward with much pleasure to the time when I can see the whole.

As a geologist I certainly can not advise the omission of the discussions of the correlation and classification of the

great Paleozoic formations of Penn. & Va. As you suggest, they have real & permanent value as a part of the history of the Science; and will, doubtless, interest & instruct thousands of Geologists and students. In fact, I can hardly conceive that any more important ~~but~~ contribution to the history of American Geology has ever been made; and in publishing these letters you are but supplementing and completing the great service to our Science which you rendered in the publication of the

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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Geology of the Virginias.

I discover in these letters, however, certain passages relating to the construction of maps and sections, &c — the technique of geology, which, although very interesting, as illustrating the practical difficulties which had to be met & overcome, may yet be omitted without serious detriment. I have marked these passages with a red pencil. If it appears that I can be of any

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farther assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Hoping that you are quite well, and that you are nearing the end of your task, although it must be indeed a labor of love, I am

Ever sincerely Yours,

W. O. Crosby.

Newport R.I.
July 27. 96

My Dear Mrs Radger

The Mayor of Boston has missed you once more & he knows you are always such a sad thing. Seriously I came in from sea in the wild dusk an hour ago & must go at my call at daylight tomorrow morning. So I miss you once more & shake my grandson I. Savage Russell & my good friend & cousin Mrs Roxana Dexter who came both to shake hands with you — I. Mrs G. Sig.

first cause a the
Medical Doctor
You must set your
carriage to watch
against us Paralytic
for we mean to
come again
always remain Yours
J. M. Fotis.

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
BOSTON. Oct 7 1896

Dear Mrs Rogers

I have been away for four days in Maine & having a glimpse of the mountains dressed so glorious (no other word is adequate) in their autumn dress.

I suppose it is too late to answer your question but the chemistry is all right is it. One of our standard methods today only we use soda instead of potash. Let it stand.

How sudden Miss Dickens death came. I saw it in the paper. On the train & came directly back. Yours as ever

Ellen H. Richards

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12 Kirkland Place
Cambridge, Mass.
Nov. 27. 1896.

Dear Mrs Rogers:

Coming home late this evening I find your telegram of today. Probably I have not the letter you refer to, as I long ago gave up the habit of preserving letters. If the letter is in existence it would be in my house in Washington.

My landlady paid $1.45 on your telegram, as you will see by the enclosed, which you did not intend, I am sure.

Yours truly
Asaph Hall

[ca. 1896]

We have seen in the foregoing pages how the plan for an Institute of Technology had been gradually maturing during the year 1860. On the assembling of the legislature in 1861 the Committee of Associated Institutions made a fresh appeal to the legislature as follows:—

(Which was submitted to the House on Jan. 14th)

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APPENDIX.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

Committee of Associated Institutions of Science and Arts.

1861.

THE undersigned, a Committee representing various Institutions devoted to Science and the Arts, have been instructed to memorialize your honorable body, to the effect as follows: —

First, That you will be pleased to grant to the Association of Industrial Art and Science, recently formed, a Charter and corporate existence, under the title of the "Massachusetts Institute of Technology," empowering it to carry into effect the plan and purposes of a Society of Arts, a Museum of Arts, and a School of Industrial Science, as set forth in the Report prepared by your memorialists, and herewith submitted.

Second, That you will set apart and assign a portion of the Back-Bay lands, in a continuous space, for the use and accommodation of the Boston Society of Natural History, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and the above-named Institute of Technology, under such conditions as in your judgment may best promote the practical objects of these Institutions, and conduce to the educational and industrial interests of the Commonwealth.

For the details of the organization and purposes of these several societies, and of their claims upon your favorable consideration as connected with the science, industry, and education of the State, your memorialists beg to call your attention to the printed pamphlets # and other documents herewith submitted to your inspection.

The Objects & Plan, etc.

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In regard to the previous action of the Legislature on this subject, your memorialists would beg to state, that, two years ago, they submitted to your honorable body a petition of like general import with the present, which was reported on favorably by the Committee to whom it was referred; that they renewed their application, in a more specific shape, to the last General Court; and that the bill reported to the lower House, and rejected by the Senate at the close of the session, was, on motion to reconsider, laid upon the table.

Your memorialists deem it important to add, that during the past year, while endeavoring to make their plans widely known throughout the Commonwealth, and while maturing an organization for the proposed Institute of Technology, they have received from various quarters the amplest evidences of public approbation and sympathy, not only towards the last-named feature of the plan, but in regard to the objects and claims of the Boston Society of Natural History and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in connection with the general purpose of a collocation of these and kindred Institutions in a continuous space upon the Back-Bay lands.

Your memorialists, therefore, feel no hesitation in renewing their application to your honorable body, in a modified and more perfect form; trusting the issue to your wise judgment of the merits of their plan, and to the ever-recognized claims of education, industry, and science upon the fostering favor of the State.

WILLIAM B. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

MARSHALL P. WILDER,	Dr. S. CABOT, Jun.,
SAMUEL H. GOOKIN,	G. W. PRATT,
M. D. ROSS,	AMOS BINNEY,
B. S. ROTCH,	Dr. S. KNEELAND, Jun.,
R. C. WATERSTON,	CHARLES L. FLINT,
ALFRED ORDWAY,	J. D. PHILBRICK,
ALEX. H. RICE,	GEO. B. EMERSON,
E. S. TOBEY,	ERASTUS B. BIGELOW,
JAMES M. BEEBE,	CHARLES H. DALTON,

Committee.

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~~Besides~~ In support of their application the Committee submitted the petitions of the Board of Trade, the American Academy, the Boston Society of Natural History, the New England Society for the Promotion of Manufactures already ~~given~~ cited above, and also the following:—

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STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the State Teachers' Association, held at Concord, December, 1860, the following resolutions were "cordially received and unanimously adopted:"—

Resolved, That this Association regards with hearty interest and sympathy the purposes set forth by the Committee of Associated Institutions of Science and Arts, acting in behalf of the Boston Society of Natural History, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology now about to be established, wherein it is proposed to enlarge the facilities of popular instruction in Natural Science and its applications, and to provide a system of education suited to the development of intelligent industry and the promotion of liberal culture in connection with industrial pursuits.

Resolved, That, in our opinion, the largest general benefits will be secured from the museums, conservatories, and other means of instruction, of these several institutions, not only by having them placed in the midst of the dense population, and facilities of access, of our metropolis, but by bringing them into relations of close proximity and mutual illustration; and that, therefore, we cordially approve the proposed plan of setting apart a continuous portion of the Back-Bay lands for their accommodation.

[ca. 1896]

On January 11th 1861 a meeting was held in Mercantile Hall on Summer St of persons interested in the formation of an Institute of Technology and the following "act of association" ~~written~~ in the handwriting of Professor Rogers but with the original signatures, ~~of~~ apparently of some of those present, is still extant. It is endorsed by Professor Rogers as the "Original act of association of Institute of Technology. Jan. 11, 1861."

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The following report of this important meeting appeared in the Advertiser.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. A meeting of the friends of the proposed Institute of Technology was held last evening in Mercantile Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. H. Gookin, who introduced Professor Rogers as chairman. Mr. J. D. Runkle was chosen Secretary. Professor Rogers gave a brief exposition of the plan of the Institute He has met with a warm encouragement since the project was first started, a large number of prominent citizens of Boston and others of our principal cities having signified a desire to become members of the Institute. After the remarks of the chairman, the following agreement was generally signed by the persons present:

"act of association"

We, the subscribers, feeling a deep interest in promoting the Industrial Arts and Sciences, as well as practical Education, heartily approve the objects and plan of an Institute of Technology, embracing a Society of Arts, a Museum of Arts, and a School of Industrial Science, as set forth in the report of "the Committee of Associated Institutes," &c., and we hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of endeavoring to organize and establish in this city such an institution, under the title of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whensoever we may be legally empowered and properly prepared for carrying the objects into effect.

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E. B. Bigelow, Esq., then proposed the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That a committee of twenty, with power to increase their number, be appointed to represent the interests and objects of this association and to act generally in its behalf until it shall be legally incorporated and regularly organized under the title and according to the purposes of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Resolved, That said committee be instructed to use its best efforts in coöperation with "the Committee of Associated Institutions of Science and Arts," to obtain from the Legislature an act of incorporation for the Institute and to secure a grant of land on the Back Bay for its use and for that of other associations devoted to practical sciences.

Resolved, further, that the committee be requested to frame a constitution and by-laws for the government of said Institute and its several departments, and to submit the same to the consideration of this association whensoever we may be in readiness and be properly empowered to organize formally as the Institute of Technology.

The following committee of twenty was appointed to carry out the intent of the resolutions: James M. Beebe, E. S. Tobey, S. H. Gookin, E. B. Bigelow, M. D. Ross, J. D. Philbrick, F. D. Storer, J. D. Runkle, C. H. Dalton, J. B. Francis, I. C. Hoadley, M. P. Wilder, C. L. Flint, Thomas Rice, John Chase, J. P. Robinson, F. W. Lincoln, Jr., Thomas Aspinwall, J. A. Dupee, E. C. Cabot.

On motion of Mr. Gookin, Professor Rogers was added to the committee as its chairman.

The meeting was further addressed by Professor Pierce, Charles Allen Browne, and others. [Daily Advertiser.

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The Transcript

Gave a fuller Report:

Transcript

Jan 21. 1861.

[ca. 1896]

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. The resolutions adopted and the names of the committee selected at the large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of this institution, at Mercantile Hall, last night, will be found on the fourth page.

Prof. Rogers, who presided, gave a brief history of the Committee of Associated Institutions and Interests from Feb. 1859 to the present time, chiefly in connexion with the proposed institute as forming one of a series of continuous associations on the Back Bay. In response to a widely distributed plan and circular, he had received within the last three days more than 175 letters from prominent gentlemen, expressing approval of the plan and a desire to be enrolled among the members.

Prof. B. Pierce, of Cambridge, addressed the meeting, heartily approving of the plan proposed, and regarding it as a much needed Institution. We must enlarge the base of practical education, if we expect to see the summit of our popular system rise above its present level. He thought there was a great want of such practical education among our mechanics, and there was as yet no Institution which could supply the want; this Institute he believed was a public necessity for this purpose, that the mechanic may accomplish intelligently and from a knowledge of principles, what he is now apt to do solely from a routine manual dexterity; the machine should be converted into an organism. He gave an instance, from a recent visit to Europe, of the disadvantages under which workmen labor in this country, especially in regard to models; this deficiency, he understood, it was one of the purposes of this Institute to supply. He did not think it worth while to discuss now the exact way of bringing this Institute into practical working; the chief thing was to make a beginning, and he believed a beginning had now been made, and in the right way to accomplish a good thing.

Rev. E. S. Gannett, D. D., wished to thank the Committee in behalf of religion, for this great educational movement; he believed that whatever educates and refines the laboring classes, brings them nearer to God,—that a knowledge of God's works and the principles which govern the material universe, is conducive to the highest piety,—that no more acceptable offering can be laid upon the altar of God than a heart filled with the reverence inspired by a knowledge of the power and beneficence of the Creator. He hoped he should live to see the day when he could look from the ecclesiastical building now nearly finished on the Back Bay, upon the long line of these noble Institutions consecrated to the cause of popular and practical education. He thought too that the education of the laboring classes in the direction of their employments was a good measure politically as well as morally; a people wisely at work are free from the temptations to do mischief which indolent and ignorant communities are so apt to fall in with and yield to. He thought the Committee were entitled to the highest praise for their disinterested and so far successful labors in the face of so many obstructions and under so dark a political horizon.

Mr. C. A. Browne spoke encouragingly of the probable success of this Institute, from the ability, energy, and hopeful perseverance of those who had taken it in charge from the beginning.

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This new movement in Boston attracted much attention elsewhere. The N.Y. Evening Post (then edited by William Cullen Bryant) gave an account of the undertaking, and the Nation published a letter from a correspondent warmly approving Dr Rogers' plans but concluding "It is "doubtful whether the country "at this time needs two "Institutes of Technology; "and if we can have only "one that one should cer- "tainly be located in New York."

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99 Mount Vernon Street.

25 January, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

I return my most sincere thanks for your great kindness in sending me your brother Isaac's letter about the retreat from Strasburg & the action at Winchester in May, 1862. I shall send the letter, together with yours to

the Military Historical Society's Library in the Cadet Armory, where we preserve all similar letters. It is interesting to know that this letter of Capt. Savage has the endorsement of Major Hotchkiss.

Again thanking You, I remain

Very sincerely

J. C. Ropes

The letter is most clear and very interesting, apart from its historical importance.

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Mr. Packard
accepts with pleasure
Mrs William B. Rogers' kind
invitation to meet the
members of the National
Academy of Sciences
Tuesday evening, November 16th.

Providence:
Nov. 3, 1897.

Windecke
Nov. 19. 1897

My dear Mrs. Rogers.

Among the many tributes which you have doubtless received to the beautiful and appreciative memorial which you have raised to your noble husband, it will please me if you will permit me to add there, few words of pleased thanks — I was privileged to have one interview with Prof. Rogers; unfortunately only one — but one which I prize beyond words, and shall never forget. All that you

biography makes so luminous and so fascinating in the character and life of that most wonderful man, come back to me in glimpses, as I recall his attractive presence, his courtly manner, and his gracious words in that short half hour. I have read every word of his, which gives volumes for him with ever deepening admiration for the man. Such tenderness of kindly love I have seldom met with. His eminence in so many, I had almost written in all departments of science has secured the applause of the entire scientific world. It was of course far beyond my power to do anything but admire and wonder. But his rare gifts and accomplishments, not alone the endowment of a rich nature, but the fruit of a perseverance, an industry and an entheusiasm far beyond those of any other man of whom I know; his eloquence in description; his clearness in exposition; his ardent devotion to the truth; his love of his fellow man, and his unstinted effort for his improvement—

And advance; his. love of
Nature; his. appreciation
of Art; in. a word. his whole
sealed. consecration of all his
varied powers to the unselfish
service of God. and man;
are what. I can. appreciate
you venerate; and what
you must have loved, and
can continue to love. You
have made. a charming
book; and one which will
bring your. honored husband
close to many a heart and
mind, where. owner never
can him. I congratulate
you, and. I thank you.
always, most sincerely and
respectfully Yours.

Wm. Rimmer

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3909 LOCUST STREET.

Philadelphia Dec 2. 1897

My dear Mrs Rogers:—

I write to make to you my apologies for not calling to see you when I was in Boston as I promised to do. I had chosen Friday afternoon for this purpose. But I went to Lynn to visit my friend Professor Elihu Thomson and was detained there until the evening, too late to

make the proposed call.

It was a great pleasure to me to meet you at the Largent's reception. These years roll by so rapidly that our old friends are getting fewer and therefore dearer day by day. I often think of Professor Rogers and recall with satisfaction my indebtedness to his kind friendship for many many services. The two course of lectures I remember listening to in my younger days was a course which he delivered at the Cornell Institute. And I rejoice every time that I look at that opinion Institute of Technology, to think what a lasting monument it is to his ability and energy.

Hoping that you will allow my calls to remain only a deferred pleasure for myself, I send you the best wishes of Mrs Parker and myself, and remain sincerely yours

George F. Parker.

Columbia University,
116th St. & Amsterdam Ave.,
New York, Dec. 18th, 1897.

My dear Mrs. Rogers:

The moment your most interesting volumes arrived, I sat down in all the dust & dirt incident to the unpacking on our new site, and read and read—

The whole constitutes an important contribution to the history of American science, and throws many interesting and delightful side-lights on the subject — I have not at all finished my readings, but when this is done, think it would be well for me to present the work to our University Library. Of course

I hate to part with the book, but in the library it will be treasured for several hundred years.

It was quite impossible for me to attend the Academy meeting in Boston, owing to our condition here in the college — dust, dirt, confusion and workmen of every sort.

With warmest thanks,
as always, most sincerely
Yours
Ogden N. Rood

Mrs. Rood wishes to be kindly remembered; she can't have the books till I have read them more than once. O.N.R.

Dec 31/97

NETHERHALL.
LARGS.
AYRSHIRE.

Dear Mrs Rogers

It is most kind of you to send me, for our University Library in Glasgow the two volumes of "Life and Letters" of your husband. They arrived just as Lady Kelvin and I were leaving to come here

V. R.

Return to M.S. Library

the Christmas holidays
and I had just time
to look through
them and find
them full of inte-
resting matter of
which I hope to read
more on our re-
turn next week.
I shall deliver the
book to the Univer-
sity at our first
meeting of Senate.
I am sure all will
be interested and
pleased by your recol-
lection of the time when
your brother-in-law, Henry
Rogers was our Professor
of Natural History, though
but a sadly small num-
ber of his actual colleagues
are still with us.

Lady Kelvin and I
have a happy recol-
lection of our visit
to you at Newport in
1876 which we enjoyed
very much. She

joins with me in
kind regards, and
best wishes for
the New Year,
and I remain
Yours very truly
Kelvin