18

Papers, 1905

Boston Evening Transcript
EDITORIAL ROOMS.

Jan 5 1905

Dear Mrs Rogers:

Many thanks for remembering me with a bound copy of the beautiful memorial of Mr. Rogers. I am very glad to possess it and shall treasure it always as a complete picture of a noble life.

Very sincerely yours
R H Clement

MGW

National Academy of Sciences.

OFFICE OF THE HOME SECRETARY.

ARNOLD HAGUE, HOME SECRETARY,
U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

January 10, 1905.

Mrs. William B. Rogers,

Marlboro Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Rogers:

I take great pleasure in sending to you the biographical memoir of the late Prof. Robert E. Rogers, prepared by Prof. Edgar F. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania. It is an interesting biography, and I am very glad to have it published among the Academy papers. The four Rogers brothers were remarkable and unusual men. I think it is an unparalleled case of four men from the same family devoting themselves to science and all attaining positions of so much influence and honor.

Very sincerely yours,

Arnold Hague

Home Secretary.

Boston January 17th 1905

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

To have any association in your memory with the rare and beautiful nature of Dr. Rogers is indeed a great privilege.

Let me thank you most sincerely for your kindness and assure

you of the deepest appre-
-ciation of this eloquent
tribute to your dear hus-
band.

His life is an example
for men and his chara-
-cter the embodiment of the
truth which radiates
from his lovely, classic
profile - Yours gratefully

Henry H. A. Beach

Mrs. Wm B. Rogers.
407 Marlborough St

Dr. Beach -

Pres. Rogers physician

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MENS ET MANUS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Mrs. Rogers,

I am leaving this morning for Philadelphia to attend the annual gathering of our alumni there and so cannot come in person to present my felicitations upon the return of this day. Since I have been in the Institute nothing has been more of an encouragement to me than your friendship and your helpfulness

and I hope that many years of happiness may lie ahead of you and that we may have the inspiration of your cheer and faith.

Faithfully yours,

Henry S. Pritchett

March 4, 1905

22 West Cedar St
Boston April 19th 1905

My dear Mr Rogers

I send you a copy of the last Presidents Report.
On page 32, lines 18, 19, 20, and 21 you will find the portion of Dean Burton's report of which I spoke to you.
It seems to me that these facts show that we do not need a dormitory system at the Institute.
With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely
Gaetano Lanza

April 25th - 1905.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB,
BOSTON.

Tuesday.

Dear Mrs. Rogers,

I thought you might care to see what we are doing in relation to the submission of the Harvard proposition to the Alumni. The circular I am sending is just off the press.

It will be mailed to-morrow
and will not be made
public till Thursday morning.
You will see we have
given the Pro-Merger side
every possible chance to
present their case. We
can afford to be fair
and even generous!

Faithfully yours,

Charles-Edward Amory Winslow

[1905]

Boston May 28.

My dear Mrs. Rogers;

I want to thank you for the "Life and Letters of William Barton Rogers" – for the books themselves and for the kind thought.

As I read them and remember his influence on me I am thankful and when I consider the influence his life and work have

on the latter man
who never knew
him, I marvel and
am again thankful.
God grant that his
silent influence will
prevail at this time
and that his work
may continue and
grow as he would
have had it.

Very sincerely yours

C. M. Ketchfield

BOSTON
MAY 26
10-30A
19 05
MASS.

BACK BAY
STATION

Mr Litchfield

Mrs. William B. Rogers,

~~147 Marlborough St.,~~

4 Obs Ave

Newport

~~Boston.~~

PA

My dear Mrs. Rogers:-

Permit me to thank you on behalf of the Tech Union for the bust of Pres. Rogers you so graciously presented to us. It has been given a prominent place on a pedestal

I am especially appreciative of your kindness to me since my taking part in the exercises in Huntington Hall on Dec. 4. last.

Believe me very sincerely yours

Norman Lombard

Boston

June 6, 1905

given by the
Architectural Department
and will be a constant
reminder to the
students of the ideals
which he moved have
them live up to.

Also I want to
thank you personally
for your very kind
attentions to me. On
this day when I am
receiving the Bachelor's
degree from Mr. Rogers

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

BOSTON, June 9 1905

My dear Mr. Rogers,

You will see in the morning paper that the Corporation has voted to go forward with the plan for cooperation with Harvard. The keenest regret to me is that this vote cause you pain. Had the majority been a very small one I think the Corporation would have hesitated to take the step. I try to reassure you of my absolute confidence that this step will not lead to any loss of independence on the part of the Institute

President Pritchett

[6/9/1965]

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

BOSTON, ... 190

and ~~that~~ it will result, in my sincere judgment, in its development along these lines Mr. Rogers would have chosen. I am very sure he would not have been in the same light if for no other reason on account of my affectionate regard for him.

Faithfully yours,

Henry S. Pritchett

Dr. Pritchett
June 9th 1905

9 June 1905

225 Marlborough Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Rogers

I think you may be interested to see a copy of this statement which I drew up for use in connection with the present discussion in the Institute Corporation. It has received the approval of all the fifteen Heads of Departments

who signed the
Faculty Report.

I have now
strong hopes that
the corporation may
decide the question
in the right way.
But if it does not
they will still have
a long road to travel
before the "merger"
can become an
actual fact - and
a road with a good
many difficult places,
of course - I do not for a
moment believe that
the result would cease
to be a great and powerful
one even if the alliance
with Harvard were broken
about - I even think that
might still be a good
chance of our preserving
our essential characteristics.

But we should no doubt have to fight for it — and for my own part I have done my best to avoid running that risk.

Hoping that you are well and that the summer may be a pleasant one for you, believe me

Sincerely yours

John Osborne Sumner

Massachusetts
Institute of Technology,

Boston, June 10, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Rogers:-

My first thought when I heard of the result of the meeting of the corporation was of you. Very soon after the meeting I saw Dr. Williams whose voice and manner were most comforting. I do hope that you will not be discouraged and that you may receive some of the confidence of Dr. Williams and Mr. Ormsbee who so honestly believe that the courts and the legislature will prevent the carrying out of the vote of the corporation.

Affectionately,

Walter Humphreys

Mr Humphreys,
June 10. 1985.

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Jan 11 1905

My dear Mrs Rogers

Do not be down cast yet - all is not lost. The action - as Eliot says leave the whole matter where it was before. until the Court - t decisions. Except I say it - has freed our lips - we can speak and as we could not before - & we shall.

Diplomacy - does not always succeed - & when insult - is added to injury the marked may turn & rend the attacking party. The alumni were so neatly side tracked that they

cannot but see it.
We shall not fold our hands.
So keep up courage
Yours. affectionately
Ellen H. Richards

Mills at Lawrence

Munroe Felt and Paper Co.

Office 79 Summer Street

Rooms 60 & 61 Merchants Building

James S. Munroe, Pres.t
James P. Munroe, Treas.t
Wm. T. McAlpine, Sup.t

Boston June 13 1905

My dear Mrs. Rogers –

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kindness in sending me a note of sympathy; it must have passed mine to you. The hardest thing about losing our fight in the Corporation was the feeling that I had led you and many others to believe (as I honestly believed myself) that a majority of the Corporation would not ignore the views and wishes of the Faculty and Alumni – I did not realize how far the canker of greed and "brute money-power" had eaten into men of the high standing

of our Corporation - Formally by their very flouting of the two bodies who have made the Institute what it is they open the eyes of our men and of many Harvard men to the serious danger which threatens our colleges (and of which this is so flagrant an instance) - the danger of their being wholly commercialized -

I have had a most "heartening" talk today with Mr. Myers, the Chairman of the McKay Trustees. He is bitterly opposed to the "Plan of Alliance" not only as a trustee under Mr. McKay's Will, but as a Harvard man who will not allow the Institute to be humiliated and dragged into bondage; and he is stirring up the Harvard men to save the Institute.

As for ourselves, we are

Mills at Lawrence

Munroe Felt and Paper Co.

Office 79 Summer Street

Rooms 60 & 61 Merchants Building

James S. Munroe, Prest.
James P. Munroe, Treas.
Wm. T. McAlpine, Supt.

Boston 190

[6/13/1905]

already organizing a "Defence League" which will fight to the end. I must not appear publicly in this movement; so do not refer to it; but I feel sure that you will feel satisfied with what this League is to do. The splendid thing is that this vote of the Corporation, so far as I can learn, has not shaken the courage or the faith of a single alumnus or member of the faculty. I do not thank you for your offers of help, for we count upon your service as we would upon that of your husband were he here to lead us.

Affectionately yours James P. Munroe

Mr Munroe
June 13. 1905

Vallombrosa,
June 24, 1905.

My very dear Mr Rogers,

I was amazed and astounded, as well as deeply grieved, to learn from a letter kindly hurried off to me by Mr Endicott, that our Corporation had seen fit to ignore the wishes of alumni and faculty, and their carefully expressed judgment, and had favored the merger plan by the surprising vote of 20 to 14.

this sad and surprising news only reached me two days ago and was the first intimation I have had that there was any danger that the scheme would go through. I have myself all along felt that it only needed calm discussion to convince anyone except its known advocates that it was an unwise, an impossible scheme, and I have, for this reason, found it hard to feel any anxiety about it. It has ~~also~~ always seemed to me that, while the Corporation might deal courteously with it because it was so greatly desired by our President, and would patiently and thoroughly consider it, out of courtesy to him, they would finally vote it down without much ceremony – especially when they learned how the faculty stood in the subject. But it seems I was all wrong, and that faculty and alumni opinion alike go for naught.

One of my first feelings, on hearing the news was of profound & affectionate sympathy for you. The next was a determination to do all in my power to cause a reconsideration & reversal of this vote in the autumn. Hitherto the faculty have trusted the Corporation, but as their confidence seems to have been misplaced in this particular I think they have a right, now, to make a strong petition for reconsideration & this I propose to urge just as soon as I get home if I can get Cross, Richards and some others to agree to it.

[6/24/1905]

I have myself said very little thus far, because I am not an alumnus and because I never dreamed that the Corporation would venture to ignore a nearly unanimous expression of faculty opinion. But now that it has done this, I feel free to speak and write, and I shall also feel it my duty to do so if my colleagues of the Faculty approve such action.

Do not, my dear Mr Rogers, give up hope. This is indeed a heavy blow and, as I believe, a most unwise and injudicious step, — wrong as respects the Institute, wrong as respects the community, wrong as respects technical education, wrong through and through. But history teaches that some victories are more fatal than defeat, some defeats more victorious than conquest; and I beg you not to lose courage. If as we believe, with all our hearts, the Institute is right, and has won its right to existence, then I, for me, do not believe that Massachusetts will allow it to be merged or confused, or amalgamated, or entangledly allied, with any other institution. The end is not yet, & we will never lose courage until the last gun is fired.

I have no heart to write of Vallombrosa or of our own petty doings here, and May feels exactly as I do, that Institute matters now take the first place in our minds. If I could do anything by going home at once I would, but I fear that nothing can be done in vacation time & we shall be home before Oct. 1. May joins me in deepest sympathy and much love & we perhaps write by and by something of our doings.

Affectionately Yours,

W. T. Sedgwick.

Not dictated.

JAMES S. MUNROE & COMPANY
PATENT INGRAIN WALL PAPERS
77-79 SUMMER STREET
TELEPHONE OXFORD 2064 BOSTON July 5,1905

My dear Mrs.Rogers:-

I have been trying for a long time to write to you in regard to Institute (and my own) affairs but have not found an earlier opportunity; and pressure of time must be my apology also for writing with the machine rather than with the pen.

"Merger" affairs look even brighter than they did when I wrote to you last. I think I said then that we had reason to believe there would be strong Harvard opposition to the carrying out of the "Proposed Agreement"; but I did not feel sure that it would take the tangible shape that it did on Commencement, when Mr. Wigglesworth and Mr.Fish, both (especially the former) otherwise very popular at Harvard, were defeated overwhelmingly for the office of Overseer and solely because of their known advocacy of the "Merger." On the other hand, Mr.Weld who has come out strongly in the newspapers against the plan, was re-elected by a large vote.

On our side of the River both our Faculty and Alumni are showing an admirable spirit of dignified belligerancy, and the latter, I understand, are organizing a League for the defence of the Institute's freedom which includes already many of our strongest men and which will employ the best legal advice in meeting the "conspirators" at every one of the numerous steps which they must take before the "Agreement" can become a fact. Many of the graduates who believed in the "Plan" before the action of the Corporation are now working vigorously on our side, and soon the whole body of the Alumni will be rallied to the preservation of the Institute's integrity. The assertion of the advocates of alliance and the fear of some of the alumni that the Corporation's

[7/5/1905]

JAMES S. MUNROE & COMPANY
PATENT INGRAIN WALL PAPERS
77-79 SUMMER STREET
TELEPHONE OXFORD 2064 BOSTON

action would be accepted as final and that, therefore, no further opposition would materialize, have in no degree been justified; on the contrary, their action has but greatly strengthened the hands of all of us who have been working against this perversion of the Institute.

I think I wrote you that we were expecting to have Katharine's throat operated upon. The operation proved greater than was anticipated, as her tonsils and a serious adenoid growth had to be removed; but she underwent the ordeal like a little heroine and now (a week after the event) is practically well. Elizabeth, I am sorry to say, has had a digestive upset during the last three or four days; but is slowly improving. Mrs. Munroe is somewhat used up with the two illnesses following upon one another's heels, but I hope will be all right when Elizabeth is well again. I heard of you indirectly through my aunt, Mrs. Nelson, who has been visiting at my father's, and I need not tell you that you are always in my thoughts and in those of all of us who love the Institute and whose greatest regret throughout this controversy has been that it should have given you cause for anxiety and distress. I know, however, that you have a vast fund of courage and philosophy and that you feel sure, as I do, that it is sure to come out right in the end and to leave the Institute even stronger and better than it was before.

Very affectionately yours

James S. Munroe

Mr Munroe
July 6th 1905

Mills at Lawrence

Munroe Felt and Paper Co.

Office 79 Summer Street

Rooms 60 & 61 Merchants Building

James S. Munroe, Pres.t
James P. Munroe, Treas.r
Wm. T. McAlpine, Sup.t

Boston Aug. 19 1905

My dear Mr. Rogers:—

I thank you very much for sending me Mr. Binney's opinion in the matter of the "alliance" controversy, and I am very glad that he takes such an interest in the question. I think, however, that it is not the intention of the "League" to take any action which, by arousing prejudice or opposition, should endanger a favorable outcome in the matter of the Institute's independence. The action of the Corporation, however, in voting to

submit the "proposed agreement" to Howard, after the Faculty and alumni had repudiated that agreement by an overwhelming majority, raised a new question; — that of the rights of those latter bodies and it is one of the purposes of the League to see that those moral rights have legal recognition — On that basis many alumni who believe in some sort of an alliance with Howard can be brought entirely to our side, since they would not think of forcing such an alliance against the contrary judgment of a large majority of the two bodies (the faculty and alumni) which are most concerned.

If you have opportunity, I

Mills at Lawrence

Munroe Felt and Paper Co.

Office 79 Summer Street

Rooms 60 & 61 Merchants Building

James S. Munroe, Pres.t
James P. Munroe, Treas.
Wm. T. McAlpine, Sup.t

Boston 190

[8/19/1905]

beg you will read the leading article in the last (July) Review, which takes up the question of the moral rights of the faculty and of the alumni to have an equal voice with the Corporation in deciding this momentous question —

I called the other day on Sir William Mather who, you will remember, has always been such an enthusiastic friend of the Institute and whom we tried to get as a speaker at the Memorial Exercises of last December — He

was just leaving to join his wife and daughter at Mt. Desert; but promised to let me know when he should return to Boston, so that we might lunch together.

We have been having delightfully cool weather this week, and Elizabeth, I am happy to say, is quite herself again. I was glad to hear of you, not long ago, through Mrs. Porter whom I had the pleasure of meeting on the street.

With best regards,

Very affectionately yours

James P. Munroe

THE TECHNOLOGY LEAGUE

24 MILK STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

FRANK L. LOCKE, '86, CHAIRMAN

ELI FORBES, '68
FRANK W. HODGDON, '76
CHARLES T. MAIN, '76
JOSEPH P. GRAY, '77
EDWIN C. MILLER, '79
FRANK G. STANTIAL, '79

EUGENE C. HULTMAN, '96, SECRETARY
P.O. BOX 5329, BOSTON, MASS.

ERNEST W. BOWDITCH, '69, TREASURER

ISAAC W. LITCHFIELD, '85
CHARLES C. PIERCE, '86
WALTER H. KILHAM, '89
JOSEPH H. KNIGHT, '96
J. ARNOLD ROCKWELL, '96
LEONARD P. WOOD, '01

Formed to oppose the contemplated alliance with Harvard University, or any similar alliance, to defend the educational freedom of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and to promote the influence of the Faculty and Past Students in its government

August 28, 1905.

Mrs. William B. Rogers,
Gibbs Avenue,
Newport, R. I.

My dear Mrs. Rogers:

Your very kind letter of the 25th inst. is received, and I would say that we appreciate your interest very much.

We are going to try, to the best of our ability, to preserve the independence of the Institute, and one of our principal aims is to secure a positive voice for the Alumni in the affairs of Technology. We hope in this way to prevent any scheme, which is so objectionable to the majority of the Alumni, from being carried so far as the present scheme has been.

I enclose our Treasurer's receipt for your check, and would be glad at any time to receive suggestions from you in regard to our work, or to answer any inquiries you may care to make.

We have received a very large number of replies, and considering that this is vacation time, the Alumni and past students have displayed great interest in our work.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am,

Yours very truly,

E C Hultman
Secretary.

enc.
ECH/MA

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
BOSTON, MASS.

Oct. 10. 1905

My dear Mrs. Rogers.

I know you will be interested to know the result of the recent decision of the Court upon our plans for the Institute and I write to say that the Ex. Com. after a careful consideration of the matter is satisfied that further consideration of the plan of alliance with Harvard is impossible, and at my recommendation will so report to the Corporation today. It seems clear to all of us, that, under the conditions which now hold the Institute must remain, for a number of years at least, in its

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

[10/10/1905]

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
BOSTON, MASS.

present site. Now that these two difficult questions are decided I trust we may all turn heartily and enthusiastically to the future development of the Institute in its old home, with I hope a dormitory or two out on the Brookline land.

Faithfully yours,

Henry S. Pritchett

SETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON
OCT 11
12-30P
1905
MASS.

BACK BAY
STATION

Mrs. William Barton Rogers,
Gibbs Avenue,
Newport, R.I.

NEWPORT, R.I.
OCT 11
6 PM
RECD.

WILLIAM HARMON NILES
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BACK BAY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
TEL. BACK BAY 2180

October 13th, 1905.

My dear Mrs. Rogers;-

We are all feeling much pleased over the advancing step that has been taken in abandoning the "Proposed Agreement" for union with Harvard University. I presume you are as happy about it as we are, and I am certainly much pleased that something has occurred which can be pleasant and cheerful to you in connection with the Institute. It has been a long period of anxiety for you, and I have thought of you in this connection a great many times. I am thoroughly glad that this relief has come at last. It is my opinion, and I know others entertain the same, that the decision of the court was welcomed as an excuse for taking this action. The positions taken by the Faculty and the Alumni have been more influential in bringing about this result than would appear from the statement which has been made public. While we rejoice at this conclusion of that question we still regard it as only a step in the direction which we wish to continue to move. We wish first of all to so safeguard the affairs of the Institute that this question cannot be brought up again. I presume considerable effort will be made to reclaim the esteem of an alienated Faculty, but I scarcely think that result can be possible. But taken as it is we now feel quite cheerful.

May I now say something with regard to myself personally. After receiving your exceedingly kind invitation which we were unable to accept I continued to lose strength for a

WILLIAM HARMON NILES
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BACK BAY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
TEL. BACK BAY 2180
[10/13/1905]

time, and for that reason we remained at the Vendome until the last of July. Even then I did not feel able to go at any distance, consequently we went to the Lincoln House at Swampscott. It was there that I gained strength during the four weeks we remained, when I felt myself under obligation to move on account of a serious accident my Mother had experienced. I went prompted by a clear duty to do what I could to relieve her. We had experiences which did not help me, and we both returned to the Vendome on the 22nd of September in an unsatisfactory condition. It was true I was still very much better, but not well. Excuse me for saying so much of myself. I think it is due to you and to myself that you should know this, that you may the better understand why it was not for us to have accepted your invitation.

The decision to which I have referred will help me.

Sincerely yours

William H. Niles.

201 East 16th St.,

New York, N. Y.,

Oct. 13, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Rogers:-

I was much pleased to see that the Merger with Harvard had fallen through. Now I hope it will stay fallen through. I am pleased that it should have happened so, both because of itself, and because I knew that you would regret exceedingly if it took place.

I hope you are well and have enjoyed the Summer.

I think I wrote you Prof. Honda enjoyed his visit very much. He is now near Philadelphia.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. L. Zalinski

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

BOSTON, October 13, 1905.

Dear Mr. Rogers:-

It is so good to be able to write you about the good news from Wednesday's meeting of the Corporation. There has been a marked difference in the faces about here. It would do anyone good to see the smile on Professor Richards' face. Dr. Williams' face is just as sunny. He was so good to tell me after the meeting yet it was hard to keep the word until it was made public.

I am interested to have you see a letter from the President to all the former students and Alumni. It is being printed and will be distributed through the mails.

It is such a help to have the new school year start off with this stimulus; everyone is willing to work the harder for it.

There has not been a moment when I could see an opportunity

[10/13/1905]

MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

BOSTON, ...190

to visit Newport. When the office work is less pressing I am going to write you if I may come to see you.

Will you please remember me pleasantly to Miss Porter. A yellow journal record from her the other day brought with it a glitter that was very cheerful. I am going to ask her if she thinks the pie which she suggested for my breakfast is squash pie? Perhaps she will tell you about her yellow literature of the summer.

I hope to show you some very beautiful photographs which Professor Lawrence took of the Yellowstone Park when we were together last summer.

Affectionately,
Walter Cunningham

Humphreys -

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MENS SET MANUS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Mr. Rogers,

I write to say that after my careful thought on the matter I have today given to the Executive Committee my resignation of the place of President of the Institute of Technology. It is no easy matter to separate oneself from so splendid a work as the Institute and my best wishes no less than my affection will always be with it. I find

it not less difficult to leave the friends
whom I have found here among whom
I have always counted you the first.

Yours faithfully,

Henry S. Pritchett

Dec. 12, 1905

107, Marlborough Street. 1905.

My dear Mrs. Rogers, Many thanks for Mr. Munroe's notice of Wm. Barton Rogers.

I only learned recently that the personal influence of your husband saved the Institute after the corporation had by vote decided to discontinue it.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Watson

Albergo della Foresta

Vallombro

(Tosc

Mr W. B. Rogers,
Gibbs Avenue,
Newport, R. I.

via
Cherbourg,
Francia.

Stati Uniti d'America.

BOSTON
DEC 13
2-30A
1905
MASS.

FENWAY
STATION

Mrs. Wm B. Rogers,
117 Marlborough St
Boston.

Mr Dr Pritchett
reply.

BOSTON, MASS.
DEC 13
4-AM
1905

BACK BAY STATION
C