





1004 Walnut St Phil<sup>a</sup>

Phil<sup>a</sup> Jan 23 '69

My dear Mr Runkle.

I have poorly repaid your kindness by my neglect to answer your several letters, but you will I know excuse me. Your last of Jan 20 is just received but too full of excitement to be trusted to Mr Rogers.

You will wonder (when every letter from me has pronounced him better) that he has not improved enough yet to talk about the Institute. But al- though he now sits up nearly all day his nerves are not sufficiently steady to bear any excitement & since there



is no subject so interesting  
to him as his Institute, we  
must avoid all mention of  
it. I have not spoken of or  
showed him the catalogue, when  
I hear from you or Dr. Kneeland  
I merely say that I have had  
the letter & that every thing  
is going well. The Institute  
seems to be the one subject  
most dangerous to his equi-  
animity & it must therefore be  
some time before he can  
talk or think of the proposed  
plans in connection with it.  
I know his wishes in regards  
to some of its concerns so well  
that I am sure he would be  
very anxious lest any connection  
with the Public School Committee  
or any petition to the Legislature  
for aid should in the least  
compromise the independence of

the Institution which he has  
ever esteemed one of the most  
important features of its plan.  
I have no doubt that you also  
feel this, but perhaps the mem-  
bers of the Soc. (many of them  
at least) have not the same  
experience of the disadvantages  
of any restraints upon its liberty  
which I think both you &  
Mr Rogers have.

Will you my dear Mr Runkle  
excuse the impudence of my  
ignorance, but I have tried to  
express what I know Mr Rogers  
feels so strongly.

The news of your success is so  
cheering that I long to tell  
Mr Rogers of it & I assure you  
it requires great self denial on  
my part to refrain & on his  
part true heroism to avoid  
the beloved subject.

I hope that you will spare



yourself. I remember the anxiety  
that Mr Rogers had when before  
the committee of the Legislature  
but I trust that your work  
will be light in this effort.  
How glad we shall be when  
Mr Rogers is pronounced well  
enough to have a visit  
from you I need not say;  
meanwhile I am happy to  
be able to say that he is  
steadily coming up "out of the  
depths" & that, so shy "is  
a matter excited his nerves?  
unduly, we might think him  
almost well.

He sends his best love & ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> regards  
to all the faculty  
with my sincere regard  
Mrs Kunkle & yourself believe  
me ever truly & gratefully  
Yours.  
Emma Rogers.  
Dr Rogers desires to be remembered.

Please  
regards to Mr. Alexander



1004 Walnut St Phil<sup>a</sup>.

Jan: 31<sup>st</sup> 1869.

My dear Mr Runkle,

In answer to your letter of Jan: 28, I would ask you to send the diplomas on for Mr Rogers, to sign. He will be quite well enough for this little task & will be obliged if you will have them nicely secured & sent by Adams' Express.

Mr Rogers sends his best regards, he now drives out every day, each time with more pleasure & profit, & but for his troublesome nerves



he would soon be well,  
as it is we must be  
content with slow progress  
in this direction. However in  
spite of poor sleep at  
night we can see a little  
progress from day to day.

I thank you for the inter-  
esting particulars of your  
letter & doubt not Mr Rogers  
will be well satisfied with  
the result of the plan.

With love to Mrs Rumke  
& Kitty (who with baby are  
I trust well) believe me  
ever sincerely & affly yours  
Emma Rogers.

Mr Rogers says: please  
ask Mr Fogg to have a  
cylindrical tin box made &  
hold the diplomas one within  
another & slipped in. Thus  
they will come & return safely.



1004 Walnut - St.

Feb. 13. 1869.



~~1, Temple Place.~~

My dear Prof. Rinkley,

Your letter of Feb 9  
was very welcome &  
its cheering news delight  
ful. a part of it I was  
able to tele Mr Rogers.  
It would be impossible  
to describe to you, how  
much he is excited by  
any talk of the Institute

Remond was glad to call on the faculty.  
I sincerely  
am, my dear Prof. Rinkley,  
Yours truly,  
E. R. Rogers.



and its concerns or indeed  
of any subject which  
interests him profoundly,  
& yet he is so much  
improved in this respect  
that we feel the utmost  
confidence in his ultimate  
recovery. His nerves are  
daily becoming firmer &  
he now begins to enjoy  
many things a little

reading for instance, his  
daily drives & short walks  
& the lovely sunsets wh  
we see from our window.  
He will be glad to receive  
the diplomas when they  
are ready.  
I write now to ask you  
if you will kindly mail  
the two pamphlets "Scope  
& Plan" & "Objects & Plan"



of the Institute or ask  
Dr Kneeland to do so to  
Edmund Kittredge, Esq.  
Care of Stallo & Kittredge,  
Attorneys at Law  
Cincinnati.

Mr Rogers sends  
his love & please say to  
Dr Kneeland that The  
will write him soon.

Perhaps he will send the  
new Catalogue to the Cin-  
cinti gentlemen also.

Mr Rogers sends kindest





Washington, D. C. Feby. 16<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir:

I desire to continue, in the Annual Report of 1868, the history of the establishment and progress of our Industrial Colleges which was commenced in the Report of 1867. Will you favor this Department with your report for 1868? and if it is not yet issued, with a brief statement of your progress during the last year, your course of study adopted, names of officers and professors, and any other information you may



desire to furnish for publication  
in the Annual Report?

Very Respectfully,  
Horace Capron  
Commissioner

Mass. Instite. of Technology  
Boston  
Mass.

H.C.



Cambridge March 13, 1869

Dear Sir

You were appointed by the Board of Overseers of Harvard College Feb. 25, a member of the newly constituted Committee to visit the Academic Department of the University. I hope & trust you will accept the appointment.

The first meeting of the Committee will be held at Cambridge, in the Presidents' Office, University Hall, on Friday next (19th Inst) at 11 o'clock a. m. which you are requested to attend.



Business:

1. To fill any vacancies that may occur.
2. To organize, by appointing sub-committees, or in some other way, for examining the several departments.
3. To begin our work on the spot, by informing ourselves fully in respect to the present methods of teaching & discipline, so far as this can be done by conference with the acting President & the Regent, & by consulting their books.

I remain, with much regard,

Very respectfully yours

James Walker

Professor Rankin.



1004 Walnut St  
March 24, '69



1. Temple Place.

My dear  
your late kind letters  
me in Feb. & the last, of  
March  
All the news from the  
institute is very interesting,  
Mr. Bigelow's gift particularly,  
but of Prof. Eliot's fortune  
good (or bad!) I do not  
venture to speak to my



husband knowing how  
seriously he would feel  
the loss of ~~his~~ <sup>services</sup> to the  
Institute.

I have heard from my  
sister of your kind visits  
of enquiry at Temple Place  
& from Mr Atkinson a  
number of how well the  
Institute flourishes under

your care. I need not tell  
you with how much  
affection Mr Rogers regard  
you particularly among his  
colleagues for all of whom  
he has so really tender  
a regard. He sends his  
love & says he looks  
forward to the pleasure  
of seeing you either this  
spring in Boston or at



our seaside home / for  
have nearly given up the  
plan of going abroad,  
thinking that a quiet summer  
by the sea will be more  
health giving, especially as  
Mr Rogers is improving so  
much. He has gained  
nearly 10 pounds since he  
began to mend.

Your letter of March 22<sup>d</sup>  
is received & the Diplomas  
have come safe to hand.  
I think Mr Rogers will be



1004 Walnut St  
March 30. 1869.

My dear Prof. Rumke,

I send the Diplomas  
by Adams' Express today.  
Mr Rogers sends his love &  
thanks for the care they  
showed. He is pleased with  
the form of them & signed  
them with great interest.  
He is about the same in  
health as when I last wrote,  
& will no doubt gain faster  
when the weather becomes  
settled. We are making  
our plans for the Summer  
as well as we can by  
correspondence.



If you should know of any family who would like to rent Sunny Hill for the season please ask them to apply to Mr A. K. Foster No 5 Court Street. It is said to me to let strangers have it, but it will be a delightful summer home for some family I hope who will appreciate its beauties & its comfort.

Will you give Mr Rogers love to Mr Pickering. I received his paper, but reserve it for Mr Rogers, as it would at present

be too exciting for him. His interest in Mr Pickering & in all he does is so very great. He sends kind regards to all the Prof<sup>s</sup>, of Prof Eliot's sad loss I have not yet ventured to speak to him as it would cause much emotion.

Will you give our kind love to Mrs Kimball & the children & believe me ever sincerely yours  
Fannie Rogers.

P.S. Mr Rogers desires me to say that he thinks the substitution of the word "degree" for "title" in the diploma an improvement on the whole, though it has the objection



(which received with him perhaps  
too much at first in framing  
it) that "degree of Graduate" has  
an awkward appearance.



Newport - R. I.

May 19. 1869.

My dear Professor

I wish to send to  
the Institute at its annual  
meeting my kindest greetings  
& my congratulations on the  
success of the season just  
closed. At each recurring  
meeting I have been present  
in thought & have never  
ceased to feel the deepest  
interest in ~~their~~ proceedings  
rejoicing in the anticipation



of being with them when  
they meet again.

With kindest regards  
to all I remain

Yours faithfully  
William B Rogers.

Prof. J. D. Rumpke

Pres: pro tem