Dear Marsh:

Langley sent his memoir back yesterday. It is a long one, and will make over 200 pp. I think today I have taken Report and Memoirs to Senator Hauley. He says he will introduce a Resolution giving the 1500 which he used last year. He withdrew his two memoirs, and says that he will bring up the matter at this April meeting. I am sorry to offend him for he is an old man, but he ought to put his work in the proper shape. Well there is only one year more for you and me at this sort of work. There is so
much grunting and scolding that has no sense that the work is
ludicrous.

I have the biographical memoir of Judd & Delafield, 
Rogers, Tuckerman and Hunt. It seems to me an urgent not to print
the memoir of Fitz by Barnard, since Fitz did not amount to
anything great as an obstetrician. He was much inferior to Alvan
Clark. However the memoir was read before the Academy, and
if Barnard insists I don't see how to refuse. Yours truly
A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I am all ready for the meeting, and only want tides of paper. The first to come is from J. E. Oliver, whom I have never seen. Have some of the New Haven men send you paper, and send them by tide in good season. Wright always delays and comes at the end.

I ran against a car in the street, building a few days ago and expected a blizzard, but everything was peaceful—perhaps the deceitful calm that preceded the storm.

I was at the Printing Office last week. They are still delaying my Parkers' paper, in which the illustrations, and think the memoir will have to go back to him for rearrangement of cuts. But I think now
They want to put off contract for Cul
until April, which opens a new quarter
in their accounts.

My son sent me a newspaper
giving an account of the great storm in
your city.

I am glad the medals came in
good order, and hope we may have a
pleasant meeting. Ten days hence it
will be time to get letters from Gill,
Pumpelly and Henry Hunt, as King "When
does the official meeting of the Academy
later place?"

Who will be a good man to
take the place of Judge Waitt as
member of your Corporation?

Yours truly

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

We have now consid-
the proceedings of the last meeting
of the Academy, and I begin to
feel at ease, so you want a copy
of the Res. adopted with regard
to the Draper and Smith funds.

He has been an inquiry about
the appointment of the last Watson
trustee. I think Gould was appointed
by you, but it is still kept by the
Academy. However our records are
more or less so blind that no
one can exactly tell how Gould
was appointed. Yours truly,
A. H. Wall
Dear Marsh:

All have accepted election and I have started the filling of diplomas. Now to send them to you for signing in a week or two.

Can not you and Bush make a new arrangement of the Rules for the new Constitution. This matter was referred to Council with power to act. If you will do this, I will show it to Newcomb and Langley. The new Rules should go with them for election of members.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I have been to the Nat. Museum and looked for the invitation from Bologna, but we could not find it. These men then find they will lend it to me.

Also went to the Capitol and saw Mr. Richardson, the chairman of Printing Committee. He said our matter is all right, and that he would call it up as soon as he could get an hour. They have had a
long investigation of the Printing Office, and now the Tariff debate is going on. Richardson is a pleasant man, a typical touchstone, tall and lean, and when he sits down cleaves up like a jackknife. He is well informed about our work, and appears favorably. Evidently both parties are hoping to make political weapons for the next election. The Tariff business seems to me as absurd as Bell, paper in political energy; but New England and Penn. are ambitious and their greed and wealth may carry the day.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
1888 May 19

Dear Marsh:

The staghoundsman is a little behind and I shall not be able to send the letter until tomorrow evening, you ought to get it Monday. Will also send diploma. If staghoundsman is with you, please get him to sign and then send to Gibbs.

I go to Made in Monday, and expect to be back by June 1st.

Yours truly,

A. Hall

P.S. Packard's post is coming fast, but he does not reply.
1888 May 20

Dear Marsh:

I expect to mail the letter for Dr. Mitchell so that it leaves Washington this evening. I am sorry the time is so short, but hope it will not be too late. Formerly Hilgard would have such work done in Gov. time, but now the men have to work out of duty hours and we have to pay them. Mr. Philip of State Dept. engrosses the letter. Packard can never do anything in a regular way. He has sent his proof direct to the Printer, which would be well enough if it would hasten matters, tho’ they don’t like it. Now they have sent him a Bill of $28 for his use of Riley’s electrotypers, and he wants me to get the Gov. to pay it. He hints about the Academy paying the $28, but I think we can not do it. Will see about this matter when I return.

Yours truly

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I have received the diplomas, signed them and sent them off.

Packard's proof is now coming just so that we ought at this rate to get through this part during the summer. You'd be uneasy about his paper as he is going to Cuesta, but there is no help for it. And Dr. Barrard is very impatient.

The memoir of Watson is in type and that of Eddy will soon be. Barker has not sent me his memoir of H. Draper.

I sent Langley proof of his Mars.
a week ago today, but he has not returned since. The scientific father are a hard lot. Probably in a few days I shall get a thank letter from the O. Clark which I can send to Langley.

Can you send me the new arrangement of the Cube,?
A fine day here after a very cloudy day.

Yours truly,
A. Hall
Prof. O. C. Marsh
Yale College
New Haven, Conn.
1888 June 6

Is A. H. Worthing dead? If so can you give me date of death.

A. Hall

Yes. in Mary.
1888 June 18

Dear Nash:

I send you proof of latest &c.Which
please have read and return to me.

I suggest that on p. 18 we change in case of the Scaper and Smith medals the word Medal to Fund, since the income can be used for other purposes than buying a medal. I have had the rules printed in the red order, and add the words as on p. XXIV. If you will change this now I will see that the printer does so.

The Resolution left this in the hands of the Council.

All well, and warm here. I get on strong with Packard. Hope my son is well.

Yours Truly, A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I have sent on the Coast & list of members again, and for the last during my term. Hope it is in good shape. We have printed the memoir of Watson and Eady, but Parker could not send his on Draper. The Nat. Acad. memoir go very slowly. Packard has removed to Brown with me, for the summer, and I had sent him three bundles of paper with no return yet. Probably he has forgotten something and had to send to Providence. About 70 pp. or set up. It is very slow work. Packard makes many
changes and inserts new matter. It
seems to me it is a queer plan to
date a memoir this year back and
then fill in new things. We would
not stand this in astronomy, but
you naturalists are a loose set. At
the rate we are goingetch, memoir
will not come before next winter.
I will see that he has proofs. They
tell me at the Capitol that our
printing will go through. There
is still the fight over tariff
and just now they are pushing
appropriation bills, with the fiscal
year is nearly ended.

New umb has you, to Chelsea

hospital for treatment during the
summer. The Dr. says he has
spinal irritation, whatever that is.
He looks pretty well, but can we
use his leg properly. Probably he
has over-worked, and then is and
wife with her continual matter.
It will be a good thing for him
to be quiet.

You’re wise that he leaves for
Europe to-day. He leaves his proofs
in care of Mr. White kid.

Your truly
A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I am obliged for your note to Packard. He is evidently doing his best now, and with patience and coolness, we will get done with his awful manuscript.

After the Boett-Peters fight I have seen both sides, the catalogue and the manuscript on which it is based. The Dr. has made a great mistake. With your nature and fair dealing he would have managed Boett, who is a simple, kind hearted man, and who has had a great respect for Peters. But by forcing matters in the "Blut und Eisen" style Peters is in trouble. The old man's greed got the better of him.

Yours truly,
A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I will send the coming of the Quail &c. this afternoon.

We are soon apparently with Packard’s manuscript, as I send him yesterday what seemed to be the last galleys’ proof. Proof of Langley’s memoir came last night. Probably it will have to go to Allegheny, since Langley is abroad. I think the east will go things in a short time if Barnard does not make delay. I wonder when he is. By this time this
Part is done we shall have your report and the next memoir, I hope.

Thanks for your offer. I have no connexion for England. Now you will have a pleasant trip and come back in good health. The summer has been unusually pleasant here. My wife and their boys are at Sarano Lake. They are well.

I will let you know if any thing happens.

Yours truly

A. Hall
1888 Oct. 6

Dear March:

I wrote Prof. Brush about our place y meeting in New Haven and he tells me that you will be home today. Please inform me soon, as I may have to go away about the middle of this month. Hope you have had a pleasant trip.

Am on the last part of a memoir.

Your truly,

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I have sent on Notices for November meeting today and you will receive some soon.

The printing of the memoir, Part II of Vol. 4 is nearly done. Dr. Barnard has the 2nd review of the last part of his memoir, and they send the proof, making 270 pp. of text. The old gentleman in Islington, is slow but sure and gives no trouble. There will be some delay in getting out the volume since Packard's plates are not here. He has squeezed in another plate, No. 27.
and by carelessness in not sending
character, as I promised more than
a month ago, but the Printer
in bad humor. They are very busy
them with Congress in session and
printing speeches by the hundred
thousand.

The copy of your Red. 1887, and
the memoirs for Part 2, Vol. 4 are
in the Printer's hands.

The summer here was pleasant for
Washington, I have not been out of
the city and have been well. People
go off to summer resorts, come back
and die of typhoid.

I can tell you nothing certain
about Newcomb, because the reports
are so conflicting. One day come
the story that he is well, and
the next we hear that he will
do no more work. Last year
I thought he would soon recover.

Many thanks for the invitation
to your house. Will write again
when I return.

Your truly,

A. Wall

P.S. Should proof of your Red. come it will
be sent to you.
1884 Oct. 30

Dear Marsh;

I returned to the office this morning and find your note of the 22d. Am sorry for the mistake in Rule XX. The error was made in the copy for the Court, and in printing Circular I did not refer to the Record which is right. The error is so gross I hope no one will be misled by it.

Barnard has returned his proof which is the last of Paul I. He sea many errors but we have a good proof reader at the office.

Yours truly

A. Hall
U. S. Naval Observatory,

Washington, Nov. 21, 1888.

Dear March:

I returned to this city yesterday and found the bundle of books and papers, sent by Professor Brush very promptly. I have written out my note, and send them to you. The April notes were sent some time ago, I think.

All well here. I will see the Printer soon. My visit in Gothen was pleasant, but I met two snow squalls on the hills, so that the overshoes came in play.

Many thanks for your kind hospitality in New Haven.

Your truly,

A. Wall
Dear March:

I have been to the Post Office today, your Ref. is in press and will be done in three or four days: probably I will get copies next week. They are printing the memoir also.

Have been very busy since my return and have seen no one yet. The weather is fine.

That memoir of Holdefer seems to me a curious affair, and I wish you would refer it to Newcomb and Langley.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I find New work is away today, but left your letter about the Watson medal to you to work with tomorrow. I think she can be dictated tomorrow, there should be a statement of the reasons, and a good case can be made out with little trouble.

I am glad my son is well. Dr. Elkin and he were have a busy time on the solar parallel, as they had to observe both in the early part of the night and after midnight.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

I will follow your suggestion and send Holden's memoir to Mr. Beebe, who is his friend.

Mr. Hooper did not attend the evening meeting April 18th and I, in the note, do not contain a notice of it. I was, under the weather so that I could not go, and got my notes from Dr. Barker, which I will copy on next page.

Lamplon has sent a short memoir on Energy and Vision, this is the only one I have beside Holden's.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
National Academy of Sciences.

Evening Meeting, April 18th, 1888.

The Academy met at eight o'clock p.m. in the Hall of the National Museum; the President in the chair.

The Henry Draper medal was presented to Professor E. C. Pickering for his work in astronomical photography. The J. Lawrence Smith medal was presented to Professor W. N. Young for his investigations on nitrogen.

Biographical memoirs were also read of James C. Watson, by G. C. Lambeck (read by B. S. Gould); and of Henry Draper by Prof. G. T. Barker. The biographical memoir of William Thompson by Th. Gill was read by title.

Adjourned.
The following from the Record Book: April 17th, 1888.

"The council recommended for adoption by the Academy the following resolution:

Resolved that Dr. John J. Billings, Treasurer of the Academy, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to assign any and all district of lots in 3.65 registered bonds now standing, or which may hereafter stand, in the name of the Academy, and to approve one or more alterations for that purpose. Adopted."

Your truly,

A. Hall