1889 Jan. 9

Dear Marsh:

The Printer is about to begin on Part 2 of Vol. IV. He would like to get the plates from which Prof. Loomis' memoir was printed, as it would save labor and proof reading. I have written to Prof. L. They ought to make short work of this Part.

Still mild here.

Yours truly
A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

Mar 2d, 1889.

Dear Marsh:

Report for 1888 is still in hands of Committee, but Mr Richardson says it shall go through, and I think it will.

I have been down again to get them to start Part 2 of Vol. IV: they say they will soon, perhaps when Congress adjourns. The Printer sent me only 177 copies of Part I, and shall have to wait for Plates before others can be had. The Printer is crowded with work.

Am glad we are to have a full
Assn meeting. There will be an
extra amount y work to do.

My son is at home packing
along his congratulations for Xmas
mas y Saturn and has them
well advanced. Social duties seem
to be exacting in New Haven,
and he did not make much
headway there.

A few days ago I returned
your letter manual on the
conduct y public meetings. It is
excellent, and designed to give
every one his rights. Many thanks
for the loan y it.

It has been a very mild
winter here. Of late a little
cold weather but not much.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1889. Mar. 13

Dear Marsh:

I have written letters of notification to members of the Committees you have appointed.

For three months past I have tried hard to get the printing of Part 2. Vol IV, started, and last Friday ran against a snag. The drawings for Langley's memoir were sent in in pencil, and he said he would finish them in ink. They lay there fourteen months and he did nothing. Now he is at work. If you see J. N. Gibbs please explain. I wanted his memoir printed before the April meeting, but probably it will have to go over.

Yours truly

A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

Mar 25, 1889.

Dear Marsh:

In 1883 the President was elected on Wednesday; the election of the other officers was postponed till next day. The general custom has been to elect officers on Wednesday.

Billings informs me that he has the memoir of Baird ready. It will take forty minutes. There is the Watson medal to give to Schönfeld. Have you Gould's Report on Schönfeld's work.

Office seekers are thicker than blackberries. I have nothing to do in that line, but when they want my opinion on the Tariff they get it.

Yours truly A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

April 6, 1889.

Dear Marsh:

I have been looking up the condition of our printing.

At the Printing Office yesterday they told me that Langley has not returned his drawings. They will not take up our work until the contract for the illustrations is made.

I have been to the Capitol today but could not

learn that the Resolution for printing our Report was acted on by the House. It was reported favorably by Mr Richardson, and that is the last I can find of it. Whether the Printer will print it as he did once before I don't know. Fifty printers were discharged yesterday.

I send Newcomb two weeks ago. He was looking well, but said that his legs troubled him. He has since been to Oakland for a rest.

It begins to be pleasant here.

I called on some of the President's family last night, and Col. Shepard. They say he is worse, but I had no trouble.

Your truly
A. Hall

Don't know who has Card Index for Gould & Curry. I am sorry for both of them.

1889 May 1st

Dear Marsh:

The Academy business is pretty well cleared up again. The diploma for Gen. Shaler has been filled, and today I sent it to the Smith. Inst. but Langley has left town, and the diploma must wait until he and I return. Two of the members

cted, Walter and White, have accepted membership. When Langley signs I will send you the diploma for Stoner and you can sign and forward to Dr. Gibbs.

Tomorrow I start for Madison, Wis, and will be absent about a week.

The memoir of Dr. Draper has been set up and Barker has the proof.

No news yet of the appointment of Dr Gould as Supt. of the C. & G. Survey. Is there a hitch again. Any number of applicants appear.

All well here. Very rainy.

Yours truly

A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

May 24, 1889.

Dear Marsh:

I have been so busy of late that I had nearly forgotten my promise to send you some notes about the expenditures of the N. of Denver Com. Perhaps this will be best done by making extracts from the minutes, which are given on the enclosed sheets.

The Printer has begun on Part 2 of Vol. IV. Prof. Loomis

seems to be a grim old fellow, who retains his spirits wonderfully and says but little. It is going on well.

Yesterday I sent off 313 copies of Part I, Vol IV, to foreign countries. The Printer delivered them a week ago.

What is the matter with Gould's appointment?

Will send diplomas next week, which please sign and send to Dr. Gibbs.

Yours truly

A. Hall

P.S. I have noted notes from the minutes. They show that we had a long chase, but finally cleared up the matter well. Mr Harrison did most of the arguing to get at the explanation, and it was a tedious job for both of us.

A. H.

U. S. Naval Observatory,

July 2, 1889.

Dear Marsh:

At last I have sent off the diplomas. Gibbs kept them a long time, and Langley them a few days.

The printing of Part 2 of Vol IV is going on well. We are to page 104 of the page Revise, and nearly done with Gibbs. A good deal of Langley's memoir has been sent him in galley

proof but he has not returned
any yet. After Langley came
Brooks and Gill and I
expect a hard time.

What is the matter with
Gould's appointment as Chief
of the C. & G. Survey? He
expected it more than two
months ago.

All well here, tho we have
much damp and sultry
weather.

Yours truly
A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

Aug. 12, 1889

Dear Marsh:

Thanks for the proof reading. In a few days I will send on the others.

When you are in Europe please find out who Lt. Gen. Don Carlos Ibañez is, whom we elected a foreign associate last Spring. I voted for him on the strong advocacy of Dr. Gould, and the remarks of Dr. Peters. A while ago I had an inquiry about Ibañez and looked for his works,

but could find nothing only
a short report in the Hist.
Nachrichten 25 years ago. I
take it is not simply a
Spanish grandee who fears
foreign dinners, or Gould's
temper warps his judgement
so that I am suspicious
of his advocacy. In his writings
about photoplay he can
not be fair to the Bond.

I hope you will have a pleasant
visit. After seven sweltering days
the weather today is delightful.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1889. Sept. 3d

Dear Marsh:

Thanks for the good news about the Yale Obsy. This will put it in good condition. How did a professor of astronomy and mathematics make so much?

We have got the printing of Academy well along. As Gill's memoir, which seems to be lost. They declare it is not at the P. Office, and Gill says he has not got it. The document clerk is away on leave and when he returns he may find the manuscript.

Some eight months ago Gill spoke to me about withdrawing it for revision, and I told him not to touch it. They say at the P. Office that it was sent back for revision on account of illegibility, but I did not receive it. Probably it is down there stowed away by the clerk who is absent.

Warm and dry here, but we keep well, I hope you will have a pleasant time in the West.

Yours truly

A. Hall

U. S. Naval Observatory,

Oct. 1st, 1889

Dear Marsh:

October is here and soon I shall have to get out notices for our meeting on Nov. 12th. Have you any directions for me where the meeting will be held in Philadelphia, and who will be Chairman of the Com. of Arrangements. Please send me anything you may have.

We finished printing up to

Gills memoir about Aug 20th
when the Printer Wrote me
that Gills memoir could not
be found. We made search
without success, and after the
clerk in charge of manuscripts
Mr. Barnum, returned we
tried again, but could not
find it. The statement at
the P. O. is that this memoir
was set aside on account
of illegibility, and they say
it was returned to Dr. Gill.
Gill says he never received it.
I have been to the Capitol
twice but it is a hard time
to find anything there as
most of the Rooms are closed.
On Sept. 28th I told the Printer
to go on and finish the
volume.

I hope you have had a
good time in the West.

Yours Truly
A. Hall

Ans Nov 30th Sept.

1889. Nov. 21

Dear Mark:

I got home from Phila. last week all right, and have the minutes written up and copied into the books. Will send you all for the two last meetings, which will enable you to make up your Rept. I hope. If anything is lacking please let me know.

It is very rainy here, so that I have had leisure to finish the Academy work, with letters, &c.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1889, Dec. 2

Dear Mark:

I shall be 62 years old on the 15th of October 1891, having been born on the Goshen hills in 1829, Oct. 15th. The law retires me when I am 62 years old.

Last Saturday the Pub. Printer informed me that the plates for Brooks' memoir had not been delivered by the lithographer, as there had been trouble in finding suitable paper. I hope the delay will not be long. The next step we make should be, I think, to get ~~the~~

our Academy memoirs printed on
better paper and with more spacing
This would improve the appearance
very much. I will try to see
Capt Brian and learn what
steps are necessary.

The rain here this year has been
excessive: 60 inches already, and
our annual average is only about
40 inches. Now the weather looks better.

All quiet on the Potomac.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1889 Dec. 28

Dear Marsh:

I have just come from the Pub. Printer's office. He is in a dispute with a paper contractor, and it may be some time before our complete volume of Mems. can be got out. So I have decided to get out the 500 extras of Loomis' Gibbs & Longley. Hope to have them done next week. Please tell Gibbs.

Brooks has sent here a big bundle for a memoir in the next Vol.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1890, Febr. 6

Dear Marsh:

I have just received the enclosed letter.

Our volume 4 memoirs at the Printers is started again and ought to be out soon.

When will you be on to see about the printing?

I have been very busy since the 11th Jan. and sleep at the Observatory most of the time; so have lost sight of your battle with Cox.

Yours truly
A. Hall

1890 Mar. 1

Dear Marsh:

Your Report came today, and I will take it with the memoirs to Sen. Hawley early next week.

Capt Brian told me the Rep. for 1888 did not come to him for printing, and probably it did not get through the House. Mr Richardson promised me that he would put it through, but it looks as though he failed.

The winter has been very mild, but rather sickly. I have been very busy observing since Jan. 1st and have not kept track of anything but Saturn.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1890 Mar. 4th

Dear Marsh:

I have taken this Rept. and memoirs to the Capitol today, and Sen. Hawley says they shall go through. The last Rept. is in the Senate file Room, and this will have to be acted on again. I had a big hunt to find it: there is an army of boys over there, and another 9 men, and they send you from one to another, but by patience it was cornered at last.

The weather is colder and oughtier. I hope you have escaped the grip.

Yours Truly

A. Hall

1890 Mar. 31

Dear Mark:

Yesterday I received the enclosed letter from Professor F. Rogers. He was not at our meeting last Fall, and the case is not known to me.

The long delay in getting out our volumes of memoirs is nearly at an end I hope. The plates came seven days ago and in a few days I ought to receive Part 2 of Vol. IV.

All well here, but winter lingers in the lap of Spring.

Yours truly

A. Hall

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N.Y.Y.C.

Mar. 1890

Prof. A. Hall
Home Secretary
National Academy of Science

Dear Sir:

As per annual
dues I have entirely
withdrawn from active
scientific pursuits I
beg that you will present
my resignation from the
Academy, at the April
Meeting

Yours respectfully
Jairman Kopis

1890 May 29

Dear Marsh:

I send some sheets of the Court by today's mail. Please make the corrections I will put on the next leaf. The last one Charles for Chasles is provoking. It has been done before, and this time was made after I had the proof in print.

I have the three biographical memoirs printed, and the regular work pretty much done. Probably there is money enough to get out a volume of Proceedings this summer. We will see about it when you come.

Yours truly

A. Hall

p. 19. Comstock, change address to
Army Building. New York City

p. 19. Crafts, change address to
59 Marlborough St. Boston.

p. 23. for Michel Charles read Charles

p. 23. for Jones, James P. read
James P. Jones.

1890, July 7th

Dear Marsh:

I have been the rounds today, P.O. Office, Capitol, &c. It is hot in the sun, but there is a good air and I stood the march well. Your Rept. for 1888 is nearly out, that for 1889 is in the hands of the House committee, which has reported favorably and it will go through. The Senate has reduced number for House to 500, which they don't like, and may raise to 1000 or 1500.

On the 3d inst. I received a package from Coffin' son containing the early records of the Bache and Walson Trustees. I think Hilgard must have given the Bache records to Coffin. Holden seems to be an active and influential man in getting money from the Bache funds. He got $ 300. for observations of the Aurora Borealis, and did nothing but buy a spectroscope. Then he got $ 600. for Chair Eclipse of 1885. Now I see he has $ 250. from the E. Thompson fund. Can also get $ 500. from that fund. It would be curious to see how much of the money is used for scientific work.

All well.

Yours truly

A. Hall

1890 Dec. 5

Dear Marsh:

As I have not the notes of the Appic meeting at hand I will send you today the Record Book by Express. The pages are from 270 to 299. I will put in my Council notes at Boston, which please return.

After leaving Boston, Nov. 15, I went to Goshen, Litchfield Co. where I had a pleasant visit of a week. The hill air was cold and sharp, but bracing.

I began here again on the 24th and as I had been away for 20 days there was a good deal of writing to do, but am now up to date.

Our meeting in Boston was excellent. Of course we laugh about Boston, but it is one of the civilized places of our country. Walker is an admirable manager.

We ought to have a meeting of the Tr. of Denver Com. next April, but that is four months ahead.

I hope to see you here the last of this month in good health. Michelson has sent in a short memoir. Shall I keep it till you come?

Yours truly

A. Hall