Dear March:

Yesterday I took your Report to the office of Sen. Hawley for him to present to the Senate, with Packard's memoir. Packard has taken a great deal of pains with his work, but he has done his two additioins already, but they were in time to get in. In Vol. VI it is out.

I have some good news. Agassiz writes that his health is so much better that he wants to return to the active list of the Academy.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
1894 Mar. 8

dear March:

For several days I have been looking after our printing, but it has been slow work to find out how it stands. Today I found the clerk. The Res. has not passed the Senate yet, but has been act in favorably by the Committee. The bill to which you referred, putting our Res. and memorial on a permanent list for printing, has also been reported by the Senate Committee.

It is nearly time for our notice to be sent out.

The weather here is like May.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
The annual *stated session* of the National Academy of Sciences will be held in Washington, D. C., beginning Tuesday, April 17, 1894, at 11 A. M.

The place of meeting will be at the National Museum.

The Council is requested to meet at half-past ten A. M.

A list of candidates nominated is enclosed herewith; also an envelope, in which the ballot for preference may be sealed, and enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Home Secretary. On the latter the name of the sender should be endorsed. The former envelope will be opened only by the tellers.

Members who intend to present communications are requested to send the titles to the Home Secretary before April 16, so that a programme may be printed.

The time required for the reading of a paper should be stated.

A. HALL,

Home Secretary.

2715 N St. N. W., Washington, D. C.,

*March 17, 1894.*
1894 Mar. 30th

Dear Marsh:

I have written letters to the members of the committees associated in your 27th.

The weather has been cool here for a few days past, but now it looks like warming up. The past winter has been very mild. All well here.

I will enclose some more of the notes of the meeting.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear March:

I say go ahead and represent the Academy at the Candaian meeting, and we will all be thankful. The power is in your hands, and now it is too late you can hardly do otherwise.

Thanks for your proofreading on the Coast, and list of Members. There was one error, in Gylden's name, that escaped me. I will send you some extra copies when printed.

I am sorry to hear that Gould has been sick. When last I thought his legs had grown stiff, his back has always been so. He must look out.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear March:

I have started the printing of the notice for our meeting at New Haven, Oct. 30th. It is my intention to go to Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 2nd, and to stay there until time to go to New Haven. I thank you for the invitation to your house, and expect to reach there Oct. 29th, probably toward evening, from New York. I will pack a box with the second books, some
documents for the business meeting, and my clean coal, and send it to your house this week by Express. Please put the box away till I come.

No action was taken by Congress on printing our Rept. The matter stuck in Senator Committee. Now Parkard wants to add 10 figures to his memoir, and some writing. It would be well, I think to have him withdraw his memoir, make such additions as he needs, and send it in again next winter. With this memoir out of the way, I think we can get a Resolution passed to print the Rept. for 1893, next December, so that we can have it done by the time you present the Rept. for 1894.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear Marsch:

The box has come with certainty all right and I have to thank you for the handsome Japanese sword which you have given me. It has a fine astronomical scabbard. I shall keep the sword as a momento of your kindness and fine hospitality. We had such a good meeting that I don't feel at all like committing hara-kari. I am busy with the reports and in a few days will send them to you for your report.

Packard wants his memoir, and as soon as possible I will get it and send it to him.

Yours truly,
A. Hall
Dear Marsh:

At last I am done with the minutes and will send them to you. I am glad you have acted so promptly about the Committee on Electrical unity. They ought to be able to Report by Dec. 26th; I understand you have informed them, and that there is nothing more to do in that way. We can meet in New York and have the Report ready for yours in Jan, 1895. You will let me know when this meeting is to be called. Shall we not have to get the consent of the Council.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
1894 Nov. 20

Dear Marsh:

I will send you the letter from Jackson. Will not Brook be a good man for the Cooke biography? Your committee seems to be a very good one, and I don’t see how any one can seriously object. We can meet in New York and settle the matter in a short time. I have not heard a word of objection here.

I shall have to get a permit from Senator Gorman to withdraw the Packard memoir, but there will be no refusal, I think.

Yours truly,

A. E. Hall
WAR DEPARTMENT,
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
U. S. ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY,
Corner 7th and B Streets S. W.,

Washington, D.C., November 30, 1894.

Dear Prof. Hall:

Please bear in mind that I now hold, subject to your call, my paper on the Bacteria of River Waters accepted to be printed, and when you are ready for it, let me know where and when I shall send it.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Professor Asaph Hall,
2715 N St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Marsh:

[Handwritten note: Billings has a paper ready as above, you will let me know the time and place of the special meeting.]

Yours truly,

A. Hall
1895. Jan. 12

Dear Marsh:

Your Report, 1894, came last night, and today I have taken it with these memoirs, to Sen. Hawley's room. The Senator was absent, but no doubt it will be presented, and go to the Printer, as I understand the Bill for printing such Memoirs is a Law.

Packer was prompt, and did not add any plates.

You will of course let me know about the N. Y. Meeting.

Your truly,

A. Hall
Jan. 23rd, 1895

Dear Marsh:

Your letter came this afternoon, and I have prepared the circular for the meeting of the Academy at Columbia College on Feb. 9th at 11:30 a.m. All the Council have agreed if you get Gibbs and Marsh, but Mendenhall who growsls and objects, I note him yesterday and hope he will come around. It is not necessary I think to later the word books to New York.

Billing's wants a Resolution passed
so that he can receive some money
from the City of Philadelphia, now one
of the Bank Fund, several members
have written me for blanks for
nominations, and I think some
will be made. We have only two
nominations for next April, and it
will be well to have more.

I have sent you the proofs of Rept.
for 1894.

The work for Part 2 of Proceedings
is well started, and will be finished
in a week or two. Of course I
will take it to New York, and

yet you to examine and correct
and add what you want.

I shall send the Circular until
Saturday, or Friday, in order to
hear from Mr. Davenport, and perhaps

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear March:

I am home again all right, but am sorry to have missed the meeting, and Mrs. Draper's dinner and reception. I went to her house Sunday and had a nice call, and saw Gould and Barker, who gave me an account of the meeting. Am glad everything went off as well. I sent you the manuscript of Proceedings, Part 3, on Monday. Please examine, correct, and add what you wish, and then return to me and I will start the printing.

I was 50 hours getting to New York. I might have gone from Phila. Saturday night, but knew it would do no good, and did not want to reach the North River Ferry at midnight. Not well acquainted passengers got to be when arrived. We had two Texans aboard, one of whom served four years in
I am an old soldier from Rhode Island who was with Banks in the Red River Expedition. So we had stories of the war, discussions of the neger, & ad libitum. Then we played cards. A delirious butcher challenged me to play Old Hodge. That is my strong hold, as the boys say, and I won so badly. The butcher slammed very much, and said k-k-k-kin y-y-y-ye p-p-play R-R-P-Peter.

The two Texans, the old soldier, and the butchers were all very profane, and as I did not swear they dubbed me the "Parson." The Texan soldier had bet on me at Old Hodge, and when we began Peter he said to his friend, "Allie I go you a quarter on the Parson." Luck favored the righteous and I won again.

About that time we reached Wilmington, and the butchers left the train. Then I had a fight with a New Yorker at Loucher and beat him 9 games, out of 15. My victory gave me a high standing with the crowd, and when they left at Phila the Texans came up and said "Good Bye Parson," with much respect. Saturday night I stood at the Hotel Vendig, near the Railroad Station, and I have never seen, even in San Francisco, so much whiskey drinking, nor heard more swearing, and talk about the girls, than went on there in the City of Beggary Love.

This is the greatest snow storm I have ever seen in Washington. Last night we had 3 inches more snow, and now the snow is blowing cold from the north west.

Yours truly

A Hall
Dear Marsh:

The reports come yesterday, and today I have delivered them as you directed, one to the Society of State, one to Sen. Hawley and one to the Onondaga. You have put it in excellent shape.

Several anxious people have written me about the nominations at N. York. I understand it was voted to put them in my hands on return.

We have milder weather, and the snow is melting.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Feb 21st
[1895]

Dear March: yesterday C. B. Brian
sent for me about this printing. I told
him to send proofs of Repton Electrical
units to you direct. You can order
extras if you want them. The Reporters
are after it, and probably have it
by this time.

By mistake I left the minutes,
which you returned with Cattell's
memorandum in the bundle, and that
had puzzled the printer. They will
begin soon on the memo.

Yours truly
F. C. Hall
Dear Mr. Smith:

Last night your letter and the electric type came and today I have left one at State Dept. and went with the other to your Dr. office. Capt. Brown had just received the same from you. He said folks had been sent you. Can you not order for the Academy enough others so that we may consider the printing done with. I have to move the books, to print the proceedings, etc., and fear we shall push Billings hard. Also it looks as if the Electric Rpt. will be printed in many ways.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
Dear Mark:

Your telegram came last night, and this morning I have started the printing of the Electrical Rep't. at Judd &Detwiler's. You will get two proofs about Wednesday. Please state when you receive proof how large an edition you want, how many should be sent to you, and how many to each member of the committee; 25 to the usual members, and the others do not cost much. I will send a copy to each member of the Academy.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
dear Martha:

Yours of the 26th with minutes of New York meeting some last night, I have read Billings' letter last night, and filled up a blank, but think you will have to sign also to satisfy those Phila people.

The Rest 1893 & 1894 have not come yet, and may not until Congress is off its cocked hat as expected early next week, and the law gives us 500.

I will read thanks to Chandler as you suggest.

Please look well to the Judge & delinquent proof, or I have no way to go by.

The books are moved into a poor place, but are safe until we can do better. We may get a room in the new Capitol Library.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
1896 Mar. 10

Dear Marsh:

Thanks for the newspaper editorial, and I hope our electricians will be pleased. The State Dept is slow but will come right in time. The Printer decides that the Academy is not entitled to 500 copies of the Electrical Rept. The Annual Reports have not been delivered.

I shall have to get out the notice for our April meeting soon. It will be a busy time for us with all the elections. Do you think of any thing special to go into the notice.
Langley has been spoken of as the next President, Gould also, but their vote.

Our great snowfall has gone away very gradually, and without floods. We are rid of Congress, and the city is still. In a newspaper a week ago I saw that the widow of our old friend Seccom A. Brown reports his estate as assets $17,000, liabilities $35,000. Mr. Gibbs of Womack's Hotel went under, assets $7,000, liabilities $23,000. Let us speak kindly of the Jews.

Yours truly

A. Hall
April 26, 1875

Dear March:

I have started the printing of the Proceedings, and am afraid we shall swamp Bibles in a deluge of Primrose ink. My estimate is as follows:

Cost of Proceedings $200.
  " George's memoir 50.
  " Constitution  40.
  " ladies' diploma  20.
  $310.

The clerk told me they had about $300 on hand. How would I do to omit the Constitution?

I hope you reached home safe and sound, and found all the folks well.

The two boys are beautiful.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
May 8, 1895

Dear Marsh:

The printing is going on well. Last night I returned the 2d set of page proofs to the Press. The Geo. Press has taken up the memoirs, and I sent Packard a long lot of proofs for days ago, which he has not returned. The illustrations for Cattell & Billings, 73 in number, have been made, but C. has not sent back his proofs yet. At last Whitmore has accepted membership, so that I have just started the diplomas. They will be sent to you first, then you better send them to Walker, W. in prompt and will
send them to me without delay. And this keeps me busy, so that my computing does not get on fast. Sometimes I think what a fine thing it would be to live in Yorke again, poor and unknown. But they have had a burglary up there, post office and store robbed of $1,800. Dana's death will make a void with you for some time, but Nature is bountiful, and soon you will have somebody else to take his place.

Yours truly

A. Hall
May 16, 1895

Dear March:

I have received from you today 3 bundles of proof, and among them that of the Court of West of members. Thanks for your proofreading. At this rate the proceedings go on we shall be done in 10 days. 

Your memoir of Rockefeller is in type. We will finish Vol. 3 of the biographical memoirs. Mr. Britton began on the memoir about May 1st, and as we sent back Racović’s memoir last winter for him to finish & finish, but on the 8th just after I had sent him the first batch of proofs,
Packard sent me a great number of illustrations, and wanted me to get them in. His letter showed that he had been in Baltimore to see Howe, the lithographer, but instead of coming on here to force the music himself, he sends them to me. I was mad, but after sleeping on it I decided to try again for him, and think thePrinter will put in the new cuts and plates, after some cutting, Packard is a worker and for this I try for him, but he needs discipline. If your Capt. Hickey could meet Packard, and knock

him over, and jump on him, I should feel much gratified.

My own work must of course wait until I get this printing done, and the matter distributed. After some hot days we are having cold rains.

Your truly

A. Hall
Dear March: 

The last proof of the Proceedings, Part 3, is read, and I am glad it is done. Many thanks for the pains you have taken with the work. For some time I meditated on big babies, but the weather was hot, the Treasury is low, and so I made a little index and cut it up. We have closed up vol. 3 of the biographical memoirs with Gould's memoir of Ruxtonford, and they are binding. What a man Ruxtonford was. Perhaps a nice fortune helps to keep a man sweet in this world. In the moving y
last winter 200 copies of the Dominic
memor are misplaced, but think
they will find them. Vol. 1st of this
memor goes on very slowly. Packard
is my "lady love." If we could only
have ten minutes of Capt. Hickey.
If somebody reports a butterfly with
a new stripe on its wings Packard
wants to rewrite a whole chapter.
We have only 48 pp. up in six
weeks.

Here are two things of your
administration that are needed:
1. Your speech, for which we

have reserved space; and (2), the
minutes of the New York Council
meeting. Billings gives little help.
Can't you give me these before
long.

Yours truly,
A. Hall
1896 Aug. 15
South Norfolk
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Dear Marsh:

I have just received your letter of the 13th with notice of Professor Newton's death. The news was in yesterday's Post. It was understood that Newton's health had so improved that his death surprised me. He was a very thoughtful and ingenious man, and I hoped he might have health to do a good deal of work yet. I shall not be able to go to the funeral, and must thank him for your kind offer of a room.

I heard you called at my brother's house a few days ago. My house is four miles
north of him, on the Norfolk road. As I am five miles from the Gorston P.O., my mail comes to South Norfolk, which is 2½ miles north of me. I have been busy preparing for my lectures at Harvard, and expect to leave here for Cambridge about Sept. 20th. This is a good place for quiet, but on the other hand books of reference are not handy. This is a very rocky place, but in spite of the rocks the bushes and grass grow well. I have had a great variety of wild berries: strawberries, better than the cultivated ones, red and black raspberries, blackberries, huckleberries, and now the black-berry, the bilberry is its best. A few days after I came last May the apple trees broke out into a wonderful bloom, but many of the young apples fell off and the crop will not be so very great.

The chestnut trees were full of bloom July 12th, so that the squirrels have a good chance for next winter. The chestnut must grow and ripen in about 12 weeks.

Please remember me to Mrs. Newton, and her daughter.

Yours truly,

A. Hall
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

A scientific session of the Academy will be held in New York, at the Columbia University, beginning November 17th, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Members who have papers for this meeting may send the titles to Dr. C. F. Chandler, Columbia University, New York City.

A special stated session of the Academy is called for Wednesday, November 18th, in New York, to consider the President’s Annual Report to Congress, and other business that may come before the Academy.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL:

A. HALL,
Home Secretary.

12 Kirkland Place,
Dear Marsh:

Many thanks for your good wishes. I hope you will soon know that cold, and will have a happy New year. We are having a vacation of ten days. It is a cold, steady winter, and I like it.

I have no extra why of those addresses here. you will remember that the direction was to print only enough to supply the members of the Academy, but I think too many were struck off, and there may be a few left in my house. When my son goes back to Washington I will ask him to look. Dr. Gould tells me that he did not receive a copy; so I sent for mine; and gave it to him.
Dr. Guire's death makes me sad for me, as he was very kind and helpful. He had strong prejudices, and let them govern him too much. I pass his house three times a day. It is old and square, like and old Puritan blockhouse, and reminds me of the man. But he accomplished a great deal of good work, and I am thankful for any one who can do so much, and will forget the sharp words he gave me. I shall never be able to pronounce Chandler as you did.

Yours truly
A. Hall
12 Kirkland Place,
Cambridge, Mass.,
April 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences held on April 21st, 1897, you were elected an Additional Member of Council for the year 1897-98.

Very respectfully,

Asaph Hall

Home Secretary.

Professor O. C. Marsh,
New Haven, Conn.
Dear Marsh:

I have been scratching away at my lectures so steadily that the world has gone by without notice. Yesterday at the Observatory I learned that you have been made a Correspondent of the French Academy. Accept my congratulations. I saw also that Chandler, Hill, and Schott have been awarded prizes. America came off well in 1898.

Yours truly,

A. Hall