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Mrs/ J. Laurence Smith see file of

Benjamin Silliman, Jr., 1884
Jacksonville, March 11th
[1884]

My dear Sir,

Your kind letter just received. I hasten to reply.

I have noted each question and tried to answer in order.

In token of appreciation of the work of the National Academy and in memory of the world my husband lived as well, I desire to place at the disposal of the Academy one thousand dollars to be used for the purpose of Original Research.

Will you please name it at your...
April meeting - I ask you to do it for me, as you have ever been my husband's life-long friend. If you find the letters referred to as written by Dr. Smith to you when you are done with them, I would be glad to have them. I now more than can regret the loss of two manuscripts and early notes - which were burnt in 1863 and never rewritten. It will be the first of May before I return to Louisville.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Louisville March 31st

[1884]

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you, that you have notified me of the meeting of the Academy on the 18th of April. It will be of great interest to me and it is my present expectation to attend. If you know what day the presentation to Prof. H. D. Newton will take place, I would like to know as my time will allow.
be limited in Washington. Could you also let me know at what building the meeting takes place — as it has been six years since I attended any of those meetings. Thanking you for your kind invitation to attend I am with profound respect your friend.

Mrs. Frances Smith
Louisville, Ky.
Jacksonville April 3rd
[1884]

Dear Sir,

Your letter was received last evening—and I hasten to answer at once as I am about leaving Jacksonville for a few days—as the captain has said, but not one of my own.

I am ready to join my answer at once—and that is that I am ready to place the eight thousand received from Dr. A cruiser—no. 1. as a memorial.
I would be glad with the fund that the best manner might be suggested by yourself that this object might be attained. For Smith name was not James but John Lawrence Smith but he need often to write it jack.

Year last letter was answered by Dr. Marvin as I thought there was some information that might be better given by him.

Dr. Marvin offered its award to whom the Academy may select, or if this or any other country if a medal should be made I am much obliged for the
interest taken in this matter by yourself—I am very respectfully your
Mr. & Lawrence Smith

I gave a few days ago—three dollars to the Richmond College for its Library Fund in memorial of my husband—
Jacksonville April 13th
[1884]

Prof. Allman

Dear Sir,

I was just about answering your letter which I received on my return when your dispatch was received - I have written a few lines to Prof. O. E. March as President of the National Academy which you will please hand them - I leave it to the
Academy to arrange the plan of award— I think their judgment would be better than any crude thoughts would be for any object is to honor my husband's memory in those studies which he loved best—I wish to turn over the eight-thousand dollar in them on the front of May on my arrival in Louisville will you please give me such directions as will enable me to know to whom to send it
I am much obliged to you for the interest you have manifested in my husband's memory and if the note that I will enclose in this to the President of the Academy is not in proper form — I would get you to put it in more suitable words — as I think you understand what I mean in the matter. Please again accept my thanks.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Lawrence Smith
April 13th, 1884

President O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir:

Please name to the Academy that I desire to place eight thousand dollars which I received from Harvard for my late husband's lifetime collection as a memorial fund for the purposes of original research and let the awards be open to all.
Who study these subjects
I would ask the Academy
To use this fund as they
May advise for the best
Promotion of this object.
Having ever been taught that
The promotion of truth and
Science are one in their
Objects.
Respectfully,
Mrs. Warren Smith
Louisville
Kentucky.
Louisville May 6th 1884.

President O. C. Marsh

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter saying the National Academy would take charge of the fund for the Library of Meteorology. As I enclosed the check for eight thousand dollars to you as President, I have also signed the deed of gift before a notary public and return the same to you — you may invest the eight thousand dollars as I will provide for the operation of the
of the dies for the medal —

Very respectfully,

Mrs. J. Cassance Smith

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Vernonville
Cumberland May 20th [1884]

Dr. O. C. Marsh

(Dear Sir)

I have received and

signed the check to send

and return to you. As I

will pay for the ice and all

of expense connected with the sending

I have asked Prof. Silliman

to take charge of it for me.

I should like the name written

J. Lawrence Smith

all else I leave for others to decide.

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith
Lancashire Nov 18th

Prof March

Dear Sir - I have just received your card of invitation for the 14th of this month to meet members of the National Academy. I regret that I will not be able to leave home at this time. On partying in Washington in April you said something about some modification in connection with the Lawrence Smith medal. I beg you will suggest what you think most fitting - the illness and death of my niece has caused me to forget. Respectfully,

Mr. Lawrence Smith