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Stevens Institute of Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

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My dear Professor Marsh:

I see that some of our Washington friends have put my name on the ballot-list of the National Academy.

Professor Baird thinks that the voting power is principally in the hands of the members from Cambridge, who usually attend the meeting in greater force than formerly.

I have but few acquaintances among them, and do not know that they are at all familiar with work so far out of their line as is mine. Should any inquiries be made by your friends who may be strangers to me, and to my work, will you ~~not~~ be so kind as to say that both the Secretary of the Academy and Professor Hilgard have full lists of my papers; and if

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you can yourself give them any account of my work, in the various branches of applied science, I hope that you will do so.

I hope to meet you again at the sessions of the American and the British Associations, this year. I am again to preside in the Section "Mechanics" and shall try, with the Secretary, Professor Webb, of Cornell, to secure a great attendance of men in that department. We shall probably be able to secure a large delegation from each of the Technical societies of the United States.

Very sincerely yours.

R. N. Thurston