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October 25th 75

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Saml C. Gilman Esq

Sir,

The Committee on the Restoration of Independence Hall have resolved to invite the presence of the American Historians, Biographers & Literati at that place on the second day of July 1876. They desire ^{that} a Biographical sketch of every individual, whose memory is associated with this Building during the early days of the Republic, may be prepared and deposited at that time among the archives of the National Museum.

You are respectfully requested to be present at Independence Hall, on the day above mentioned, and to bring with you a sketch of the life of

Nicholas Gilman
or in case of a preference for another subject, to communicate the fact. It is desired that these sketches should not exceed two pages of foolscap.

An early answer is requested, the invitations being strictly limited. With great respect,

Frank M. Estlin

Chairman of the Committee

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CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

142 DEARBORN AVENUE

EDWARD G. MASON,
PRESIDENT.~~CHARLES EVANS,~~
SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN.

February 9. 1899.

My dear President Gilman:

My name is before the President for the position of Librarian of the Library of Congress in so favorable a manner that I believe a word from you in commendation of my appointment would turn any doubt on his part into belief.

Briefly stated my position is this: The President has now received a Petition for my appointment from Indianapolis, and personal letters from prominent citizens in seven, or eight, states. Among whom I

would mention: Mr. A. C. Harris, our
new Minister to Austria; President
Jordan, of Stanford University; (my
warm personal friend President
Smart, of Purdue University, is in so
precarious a condition that his Sec-
retary has written me that she is
forbidden by his Physician to bring
any matter whatever to his attention);
Judge Woods, of the U. S. Circuit Court;
Mr. Levi J. Leiter; and Mr. Cyrus H.
McComick, - two of the members of
this Society; Francis Blake, of Boston;
Andrew Langdon, President of the
Buffalo Historical Society; John Clark
Ridpath; Edward Stabler Jr., and
others whose names are hardly given.
Senators Fairbanks, and Brewster

of Indiana, and Representative Alexander, of New York, are
personal friends. Senator Culbarn is an "honorary" member
of this Society; and Secretary Seymour J. Sage is a member of
its Executive Committee.

Under date of Feb. 6. Secretary Sage writes me: "It will
be a pleasure to me to report to the President the many
supporting evidences of your qualifications and fitness
for that position which have been sent me."

Senator Culbarn, after good-naturedly scolding me for not
writing to him until after he had endorsed a local candi-
date, said that he was so well assured of my fitness that
he would personally see the President on my behalf.

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PRESIDENT.

CHARLES EVANS,
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If the President will only consider it wise to make this appointment from among the large body of Librarians, a great point will have been gained for the profession.

In my thirty years of practical Library work in Boston, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Omaha, and Chicago I feel that I have been fitted for the position; and have the health, executive ability, and special knowledge which it demands.

As a member, and one of the Founders of the American Library Association,

and an Honorary Member of the
Library Association of the United
Kingdom, I have an unquestioned
standing among my professional
associates.

May I ask, my dear Mr. Gilman,
that you will consider my request
favorably, and write, direct, to the
President commending the appoint-
ment as warmly as you can?

Believe me to be, with great
respect,

Very faithfully yours,
Charles Evans

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Evans E.P.

27 Queen's Terrace, St. John's Wood,
London N. W.

March 28. /76.

Prof. D. C. Gilman,

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago I addressed
a letter to ~~the~~ H. M. Secretary of State for India
requesting that copies of the works published under
his patronage might be presented to the Hopkins
University in Baltimore, and I have been favoured
with the following reply from Lord Hamilton:

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India Office S. W.

24th March 1876.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the re-
ceipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, requesting
that copies of Oriental texts and other works pub-
lished under the patronage of the Secretary of State
for India in Council may be presented to the
Hopkins University recently established at Baltimore
in the United States of America.

In reply I
am directed to acquaint you that the Secretary of
State in Council has sanctioned the presentation to
the Hopkins University of a copy of each of the works
specified in the accompanying list and the Librarian
at this Office has been instructed to forward the works in
question to any Agent whom you may designate for trans-
mission to the University.

I am

Sir,
your obedient Servant

George Hamilton "

E. P. Evans Esq^r

I have acknowledged this letter and thanked the Secretary of State for this valuable gift. In a few days I shall confer with my friend Dr. Root the Librarian and have the books sent to your address in Baltimore. The works presented are the following:

- Anderson's Tamil Grammar.
Bühler's Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. from Gujarat. 4 vols.
Campbell's Telugu Dictionary.
Cowell's Prākṛitaprakāśa.
Goldstücker's Mānasa-kalpasūtra.
Hall's Bibliographical Index.
Jäschke's Tibetan Grammar and Dictionary.
Brahmi's Persian Grammar.
Molesworth's Marathi Dictionary.
Müller's Rig-veda. 6 vols.
" Translation of the Rig-veda. vol. I.
Mackenzie's Carnataka Grammar.
Cuseley's Anwar-i Sohili.
Pratāpa C. Ghosh's Durgā-pūjā.
Strange's Hindu Law.
Springer's Catalogue of Budh Library.
Taylor's Madras Catalogue. 3 vols.
William's Sakuntalā.
" English-Sanskrit Dictionary.
Wilson's Translation of Rig-veda. 4 vols.
" Glossary of Indian Terms.
Weber's White Yajur-veda. 3 vols.

This list comprises 37 volumes, all of them valuable and some of them quite expensive. I am the more gratified at my success in securing this donation from the fact that similar requests have been, within the past year, refused. Before presenting my request

formally, I had a conversation with some of the most distinguished Orientalists connected with the India Office and convinced them that considerable attention ought to be given to Oriental languages in the curriculum of Hopkins University and that such a presentation would encourage their studies and contribute greatly to the success of this department. Indeed I regard it as a serious defect in the last American University that they do not furnish better facilities for the prosecution of these studies. Every philologist recognizes the value of Sanskrit and yet there is the only college in the United States where it can be studied to any advantage. And if a young man desires to acquire a knowledge of Greek or Persian, where is the college that can help him? And yet it is as essential for a traveller in the East to know Persian, as it used to be for a European tourist to know French. In order to know these languages taught it is not necessary at first to establish distinct professorships of them; but let e.g. the professors of French, Italian & Spanish be also competent to teach Sanskrit, Greek & Persian. Very few (indeed) and the professors of German be able to teach Sanskrit, Greek & Persian. I have seen & believe there would be a demand for separate professorships of Semitic and Aryan languages.

But I hear that you may deem these observations rather imprudent on my part. I had no thought of making them when I began this letter, but have been led into them by enthusiasm for favorite studies, which I trust you will pardon. I may add that a friend, who is at the head of a college in Andover (Mass.), promises to send the publication of that institution to Hopkins University on his return to Andover.

With best wishes for your success
I remain yours very truly
E. P. Colburn

E. P. Evans

March 28/76

de India books-

Mr. Elliott is now absent from Munich with his
Cousin. Prof.

Whitney knows the

Munich, Bavaria,

value of Dr. Haug's mss.

Barerstrasse 35/I

Erasmus F. P.

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June 27. 1876

My Dear Sir;

In accordance with your in-
structions I had the books from the East
India Office forwarded through Mr. Allen
and hope they have been received in good
condition. Accept my thanks also for the
copies of your Inaugural Address which
I have read with great interest. When your
plan of organization is realized, Baltimore
will be the seat of a University in the
true sense of the word.

The University of Munich has recently
suffered an almost irreparable loss in
the death of Professor Haug, the distinguished
Orientalist. I gave a brief account of his
decease in a letter to my friend Dr. Post

of the East India Office, who had it printed, as a matter of public interest, in the London Athenaeum of June 10th. Perhaps you may have noticed it there. It will be difficult to fill his chair; he had no equal in Europe in some branches of Oriental studies. But what I wish to call your attention to is his valuable library of books and mss. which will now be sold. The mss. were collected by him in India, some of them are unica at least so far as Europe is concerned and all of them have been selected for their intrinsic value. The mss. are mostly Sanskrit, but include also a great number of Zand and Pahlavi works invaluable for the history of Oriental religions. It is a very superior collection and has been estimated at \$8000. The library of books is also quite large and well selected, and contains many texts published in India and easily obtainable in Europe. If the books and mss. were purchased together, they could be had for about \$8000. A Catalogue is being prepared.

Would it not be possible for some gentleman or gentleman in Baltimore to purchase this library for the Johns Hopkins University? It is not often that such a collection of works is offered for sale. The possession of the mss. would give an impulse to Oriental studies which would be felt throughout the United States. Young men wishing to pursue these studies would be attracted to Baltimore when they could have an opportunity of consulting the mss. and could learn to read and edit mss. But I need not dwell

on these advantages which you thoroughly appreciate. The main point is whether any one will come forward and buy the library.

Any service which I can perform in reporting more fully on this library or in negotiating the purchase of it will gladly undertake.

Respectfully,
President D. C. Gilman

Truly yours,
Z. J. Evans

E. P. Evans

June 27th 1896

Prof Whitney please
read & return
to D.C.G. Balt.

We are not likely
to buy - so the
offer is open to
any one for Yale Coll

Thanks. No one here to
talk to about this now.

The mem^o. of times is
accepted. W.D.W.

membership of about 450.

BEGINS WITH 200 MEMBERS

A Presbyterian Union Formed To Further Church Interests.

The Presbyterian Union of Maryland was organized yesterday afternoon at a meeting held in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Charles and Saratoga streets. The meeting was well attended and the new union begins with a membership of over 200, including members from the Northern, Southern and United Presbyterian Churches.

The objects of the union are to encourage a more friendly and intimate acquaintance, to secure concert of action and to promote the interests of Presbyterianism throughout the State.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected: President, D. C. Gilman; first vice-president, John B. Ramsay; second vice-president, Robert H. Smith; secretary, James I. Fisher; treasurer, Austin McLanahan; executive committee, T. Erskine Carson, John T. Hill, Richard K. Cross, W. Edgeworth Bird, Dr. Martin B. Billingslea and E. C. Etchelberger. The next meeting of the union will be held early in the fall.

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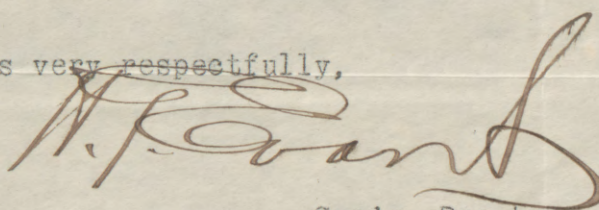
ast Harbor, Maine..

July 18th., 1901.

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A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at Y. M. C. A. Hall, at which time the "Presbyterian Union of Maryland" was duly organized, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I hereby notify you that you were unanimously chosen as its President for the ensuing year.

Yours very respectfully,



Sec'y. Pro tem.

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Dray J. H. Purniman

Jan. 28th 1898.

My dear President Gilman,

We are having a series of informal talks to the men of the University by men who will attract the fellows, upon religious subjects of the broadest interest.

Professor Learned suggests that you are always glad to help in this way so we very much want you to come up some Wednesday evening in March or early in April.

We meet from 7 to 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening and would like a very informal talk of about a half hour in length.

Your presence will be a very great help and inspiration to all of us.

Please name some Wednesday which will be convenient for you.

Very sincerely

President D. C. Gilman

Johns Hopkins University

Thos. S. Evans
Gen. Sec.