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D.C. Gilman correspondence

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For

D. C. GILMAN, ESQ.^{RE} Librarian, &cLeipzig, 9th August, 1861.

My dear Mr. Gilman,

I suppose that by the time this reaches you, ^{you will} have got you safely in his bonds: if so, I pray they may be altogether ^{willow} and that your married life may be a long, as I doubt not, it will be eminently a happy one. Please present my best wishes to your bride, also.

I begin to suspect that "A. W. Thayer, Esq." is a myth; — that there is not and never was any such man living! At all events, if Mr. Thayer is a real, corporeal being, he has entirely escaped my most earnest and persistent endeavours to find him. I spent a week in Berlin, and

"Sought him all night and sought him all day,"

inquiring for him among musical gentlemen, at the American Minister's, and ^{everywhere} else ^{there} seemed to be the ghost of a chance to learn any tidings of him. Nobody knew him, or could put me in the way of better success. The Berlin Address-book contains the names of no foreigners, unless they belong either to the Diplomatic or to the Consular Corps. Our Consul here, (Dr. Fliegel,) and others are equally unavailing to discover him. Consequently, as your letter is addressed "A. W. Thayer, Esq., Germany," I still keep it, because, as you know, Germany is a large town, and if I should drop it into the post-office without further designation, it might chance to find its way into the Deutschland dead-letter office. — I'd better mix your commendatory notes to Dr. Vogel, of the Burger-School, to Dr. Pettermann, & to the Ducal Librarian at

Gotha, ~~Germany~~. To the first of these (Dr. V.) I presented your letter about the last of May; — which was as soon as I was able to get out of my ^{sick} room, where I had been shut up for a month, — ever since my arrival here.

The Ducal Librarian I did not find, during my short day's visit to ^{Gotha} ~~Germany~~; but I gave the letter intended for him to Dr. Pettermann, with my apology for not delivering it in person. I was charmed with the great Geographer's cordiality of manner, and with his admirable intelligence on almost every subject in the whole encyclopaedia of human learning.

He invited me to spend the ~~next~~ day with him: an invitation which my early departure from ^G obliged me to decline. I need not tell you that he knew and appreciated you well as a co-worker in those pleasant fields of physical Geography which you have both chosen as a spécialité. He seems to me to be a man of about your age; — perhaps three or four years older.

The sale of Ritter's library took place on the 6th May and three following days, agreeable to announcement. I started out in a carriage, to F. A. Brockhaus' at 9 A. M., ^{on the 6th May} intending to go from thence to the sale; — but that short ride so exhausted me that I was obliged to return home & go to bed, — so exceedingly feeble was I at the time. Mr. Trömmel informed me that the books brought unexpectedly high prices, on account of the ^{great} competition there was for them. The portfolios suffered great losses; very many of the charts, maps, statistical tables, &c. of which they were made up, having been taken out of the Professor's books, to which it was, on the whole, thought best to return them.

I have this day had a box of books, &c. packed at Brockhaus'

and addressed — "Smithsonian Institution, Washington, for D. C. Gilman, Esq., Librarian of Yale College, New Haven, Ct."

By directing this to the "Smithsonian," the box goes to New York, freight-free; and left after its arrival there it should be sent to Washington. (I have written to Prof. Henry, stating that everything contained in it is for New Haven, and requesting that his N. Y. Agent may be instructed to despatch it to you immediately on its ~~reaching~~ coming to hand. I presume he will do so; and in that case I will thank you to see that the contents of the package are properly disposed of, as hereinafter directed. The books consist chiefly of Delicatas & endemics in a few of the European languages, — sundry volumes on Personal Names (forenames and surnames) and Names of Places, — the address-books for Leipzig, Dresden, Prag, (and of Bohemia generally) Berlin, Hamburg, Lübeck, Copenhagen, Gottenburg & Stockholm; (for the study of names); — and several miscellaneous volumes & brochures, — a small collection of coins from Continental Europe, (value about \$14. 80), — specimens of dried plants, from Lapland, — of iron ore from Sweden, — and of a few marine and terrestrial shells which I have picked up and packed up. Almost all the books (if for the present, at least) claim for myself, — though it is probable that my entire collection, illustrating Geschlechtsnamen, Taufnamen, and Ostnamen, will eventually belong to the College. I want the disposal of them, however, for the present, at least. I am vain enough to believe that I have the largest and best collection of authors treating on personal names of any man living; and better even than that of any University in the world! I have spared neither pains nor expense to get everything that has ever been written, in any language, on this subject; — and there are now but few which I know of and have been unable to get. The address-books also belong to this department of literature. A few are marked for Yale College Library; — for "Amen Oriental Soc.," — and a small Rail-road Map, &c. of some of Justice Peattie's, Götting, for your self. The iron ore is for the College Cabinet of Minerals, (if wanted); — the coins for the College numismatical Collection, (duplicates of what you already have, if any, to be excluded); — the plants for any curious collector thereof that you may happen to know; — and the shells for Dr. D. A. Thomas.

Last May, just before I left N. Haven for Europe, I requested Mr. Palmer (the Oriental Soc. having first taken out a complete set of the Chinese coins, with as many duplicates as it chose,) to select as good a series as possible of the "cash" for the College Collection, — and a set for himself, if he pleased, — and to hold the remainder subject to my order. I now request that if this selection has been made, the remainder of these cash be passed into the keeping of my sister, Mrs. Hotchkiss, 72, High St. — Of many of these there were certificates; — and as they could not all be required, by any possibility, my intention is to distribute the remainder among other Societies & private collectors. Will you kindly call the attention of the Custodians of this considerable amount of brass to the subject?

Let me give you my Itinerary since I parted with you in America: — Via Halifax to Liverpool, thence to London, where I staid a week; — Via Newhaven & Dieppe through Rouen, to Paris; where I was sick for about 10 days; thence, via Chalons, Vitry, Bala-li-Duc & Nancy, to Strasbourg; thence, via Rast, Carlsruhe, ~~Frankfurt~~ ^{Frankfurt}, Darmstadt, Frankfurt on M., Cassel, Eisenach, Gotha and Weimar, to Leipzig; where I arrived at 4 P. M. on 3 May, and was confined to my room (a great part of the time to my bed) until May 7, when I went to Dresden. Returning from the Saxon capital, and passing through Leipzig, I reached Halle, where I stopped for a day or two, making the acquaintance of Dr. Böttger (author of "Personennamen"); — thence to Kottbus, Magdeburg, Stendal, and Hamburg, where I again came to a halt. From Altona I proceeded to Kiel. My railway ~~trip~~ was here interrupted; — I passed some hours at and around the University, and then took Steamer for Rostock, where again I took the railway to Göttingen. Here I spent several days, and then left for Göttingen, by Steamer. After but a day at Göttingen, the Steamer, going, was off to Gotha Canal, thence to Weimar, and finally to Gotha.

In this part of our passage, Carl X., King of Sweden was a passenger, with his suite consisting of 20 persons, making his acquaintance, (or rather he made mine,) and during our voyage of 3 days, I had many agreeable chats with him. His recommendations were of great service to me, in his Capital. I staid about ten days there, having much time. I made a visit of one day to Upsala, its University, Library, Botanical Gardens, tomb of Carl von Linné &c. & also visited the tombs of Des Cartes, in Stockholm and of Jacob Berzelius, at Solna. From S. I proceeded by steamer to Haparanda, at the very head of the Gulf of Bothnia, touching at every town on the route, and remaining at each from 1½ to 4 hours. From Haparanda I went by a sort of infernal machine used in Lapland, called a "carriage" (!) to Arasaga, and within the Arctic Circle. I was there at near the Solstice (viz. June 23, 24) and saw the "midnight sun." I have written my family more particularly about this phenomenon than I can do here, — I passed from Lapland into Russian Finland, and after a while returned to Stockholm by the same way that I had left it. Leaving S. by steamer again, my course was now down the Baltic, stopping at Kalmar, Ystad, Travemünde, and disembarking at Lübeck. After a day there I was off to Hamburg, Lüneberge, Belle, Brunswick, Magdeburg, Halle, to Leipzig. In being thus vacation at the Conservatorium, I staid ind. only a few hours, and on the 5th of July, took my niece to Dresden for a week, thence to Saxon-Switzerland & Bohemia. Returning through Leipzig we proceeded to Berlin via Halle & Wittenberg, where, and at Potsdam, we staid a week. Returning by Magdeburg we passed to Weimar and Gotha and spent some two days only at these interesting cities; — and again passing through Leipzig, via Lützenau to Schwarzenberg, by rail, at the last named place, took stage to Annaberg, where we went to see five New-Haveners, who are there engaged in manufacturing Crinoides! These are, two sons of the late Mr. Wm. Thompson, Mr. Cyriac Wilcox, Miss Wilcox, and Mr. Nettleton. Thence we came back to our head quarters, — Leipzig. I have since been to Altenburg, and Crinitzschau, — and to Prag; — and have made sundry other excursions. My next move will be to Bremen and Hamburg, in about 10 days; — from which last place I expect to sail for China within two or three weeks.

Pray pardon my prolixity. I am sure I have tried your eyes if not your temper, by this long and almost illegible letter. Let me request you to make my very kindest regards to my dear friend and old school-fellow, Mr. Herrick, and remember me also kindly to your Assistant-Librarians, to whom I owe thanks for many courtesies.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Gilman,

Very sincerely your attached and faithful,

C. W. Bradley.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1862.

D. C. Gilman, Esquire
Librarian of Yale College,
New Haven, Ct.

Ans Dec. 1. 62 (1862)

My dear Mr. Gilman,

My best thanks are due and cordially given for your kind letter of Jan. 6, and its enclosures, which I received via Shanghai, on the 19th inst. If it be not too late, first of all, let me offer my hearty congratulations on your marriage, — with earnest prayers for the prosperity and happiness of both yourself and elect lady, — not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. — I had, before leaving Herr Haven, some distinct intimations from our mutual friends, that the days of your celibacy were almost ended, but yours is the first announcement of the fact as a fait accompli that I have received. I shall gladly accept your invitation to call upon you "at home", if I be spared to revisit New Haven. Meanwhile, I pray you, make the compliments and best wishes of her husband's warmly attached friend acceptable to Mrs. G.

You cannot imagine how much I am mortified by the history of the box sent from Leipzig. Dr. Felix Flügel, the Acting U. S. Consul there, and who is also the Continental Agent of the Smithsonian, advised precisely the mode which I took, — saying that there would be no charge whatever to New York, as the Bremen and N. York steamship Company had generously offered to become free carriers of whatever boxes or other packages which might be addressed to that institution: a courtesy which is gratefully acknowledged by its Board of Regents, in their Report of 1859. (I think it is.) Dr. F. assured me that he receives nothing for his agency from any source; and that the said Steamship Company's services, in behalf of the Washington literary and Scientific Smithsonian Institution are still entirely gratuitous between Germany and New York. — More than four weeks before the box was sent on its way, I wrote Prof. Henry, stating its contents, and requesting that he would give orders for its transmission to your address, as soon as it should reach N. York. For a season that he best understand he did not choose to comply with my respectful petition. The greater part of the sum charged as "expenses", which you had to pay is therefore a positive fraud, — and I have this day written to my friend Dr. Flügel, quoting all that your letter tells me with regard to the matter, and begging that he will inform parties who apply to him for transmission of parcels to that government, sporting-house, nor Colleges, libraries &c. are defrauded by it. — I deeply regret that I have now no funds left in New Haven, on which I can draw for reimbursement of the bills paid by you. You have, however, a lien on my property in your possession, the value of which is much more than the amount of the charges. To send a draft or bill for anything like so small a sum from these ends of the earth to where the sun goes down, is quite impossible. Let it stand against me, then, till I can find a way to reimburse it. Be assured, I shall never again make the Smithsonian kinder, either with you or any one else.

And now, with reference to my Chinese coins. Will you kindly have them sent to my sister, Mrs. Hotchkiss? What remains after the three sets already taken out, are already promised to public institutions; so that it is impossible for me to comply with the requests of Messrs. Champion and Edwards.

I suppose you are aware of the conditions on which any Oriental books, and books treating of the East, were given to the Am. Or. Soc. If the library of that Society be removed from New Haven, all the books which would not constitute duplicates on the shelves of Yale College library, are to be given to the said College library, the Society to retain only the others. I have not now at hand the report of the Society's Proceedings for 1861, but I think my larger donation is acknowledged with some prefatory remark to this effect: — "The condition on which Mr. B's are now given, &c." The first offering of the kind which I made to it was in 1851, or 1852, when no condition whatever was suggested. Ever since that, however, my gifts have been coupled with the condition accepted from the volumes of 1861. — I once communicated it in writing, but no action seems to have been had on my letters: at a later I got no reply to them, and I supposed that the silence implied an acceptance of my terms. I presume that have been given since 1851 or 52, ought to follow the same transfer.

1861, in case of the removal of the Society's library from New Haven. — Mrs, at least, is my own understanding of the matter.

Will you kindly thank Prof. Whitney in my name for his most valuable and esteemed letter, enclosed within your own. It was fully my intention to have replied to it by this out-going mail. I cannot, however, do so before I send my next home despatches. — The truth is, I have been quite ill, for more than a week; and am now writing under great pain and bodily weakness.

I shall also feel much obliged if you will present my compliments to Prof. Geo. T. Brush, — thank him for his favour of March 10, — and say that having received it here on the 19th inst. I immediately wrote to the U.S. Consul at Shanghai, enclosing his letter, and earnestly requesting his faithful attention to the subject therein treated. Should I myself go to Shanghai, I will give it my personal care.

I deeply sympathize with Prof. Dana & his family in the death of two beautiful children whom I have often observed at his house. May God comfort them!

Pardon my use of this little scrap of paper. It is all I happen to have near me, — and I am not well able to go out after more.

Kind regards to my old school-fellow, Mr. Horrick,

Believe me, my dear Mr. Gilman,

Your attached friend & servant,

C. W. Bradley.

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Librarian of Yale College,
New Haven, Ct
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Bradley, C. W.

London, 12, Cecil-st. Strand, 30th March, 1864.

My dear Mr. Gilman,

I have just strength enough to acknowledge receipt of your kind note of Feb. 16,th which came to hand last night. I am under the doctor's hands, been excessively weak from injuries received on my voyage to this place, — whither I arrived on Saturday night, the 26th inst. If well enough I propose to go to Leipzig next week, thence, in the course of a month or so, to start for Paris. From one of these cities I intend to write you a fuller expression of my thanks for your cheering letter, than which nothing could delight me more, or do me more good. I am fifty per cent. better to day, because of it.

I am glad that none of you seem to disapprove of the destination which I felt obliged to make of the little subscription which I collected at Shanghai, for the Am. Or. Soc'y. In my next, I may venture on a further suggestion, which, as I am not a member of the Society, will not be, I hope, considered as indelicate.

The College is doing famously in the way of funds,
and it rejoices me beyond expression. I should
have tried in China to get up an endowment of a
Sanskrit Professorship in Yale, but having learned
by some inquiries that such an attempt would
probably fail, I reluctantly gave it up. India
is the place where such an appeal would be more
likely to succeed, - but, I did not go to India.

Since Mr. Geo. Peabody has announced his inten-
-tion becoming so liberal to the College, I am both
ashamed and ashamed to apply to him for funds
to the Oriental Society. It seems too much
like taking an undue advantage of that gentleman's
generosity.

Pray excuse my abrupt conclusion; but
I must lie down!

God bless you & yours!

Faithfully & heartily your attached

C. W. Bradley.