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RANDOM RECORDS OF A LIFETIME, 1846-1931
BY W. H. HOLMES
IN XX VOLUMES

CULLINGS, LARGELY PERSONAL, FROM THE
SCRAP HEAP OF THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN,
DEVOTED TO SCIENCE, LITERATURE AND ART.

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When, in the later years of the 1920-30 period, I came to realize that I was approaching my official age limit, I began looking over my affairs with a view of rounding up as far as possible the ragged edges of my life work.

I talked with Dr. Walcott indicating my readiness to retire from the service, and thus open the way for the selection of a suitable successor, but he did not think it advisable to take action at that time. I began, however, to prepare for the change. There were numerous matters that seemed to require attention. One thing especially insisted on intruding itself upon my attention - the great accumulation of unfinished work. My files were burdened with no end of diaries, field notes, and unpublished papers covering a period of sixty years; with accumulations of loosely assembled data, in pen, pencil and water colors and photographs that could not be utilized save in a very limited way by those who might happen to follow me. A plan was finally adopted that promised in part at least to overcome the difficulty. The extremely varied accumulations were assembled in groups, largely chronological, to be bound at my own expenses, for deposit in the Library of the National Gallery of Art or the Institution, the volumes from 16 on to go to my sons if they wish.
At the time of this writing, June 10, 1929, upwards of a score of volumes are assembled and so far edited as to be practically ready for binding. I have called these “Random Records.” No attempt is made to write a story, but the indexing for each volume will enable the inquirer to find the particular features of the record that may interest him. The series of volumes begins with a brief biography, a simple outline of my three-quarters of a century of contact with the world of affairs, and more than half a century association with the Smithsonian Institution. Two of the volumes XIII and XIV [III & IV written in ink], must prove especially interesting to the future personnel of the institution as they embody upwards of one hundred photographic portraits of Smithsonian people, all of whom I know or have known personally. The list begins appropriately with the portrait of Secretary Joseph Henry, the first Secretary of the Institution.
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INTRODUCTION

The activities of upwards of half a century, mainly in Government service, are recorded in a multitude of publications of the Hayden Survey of the Territories, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum, the Bureau of American Ethnology and the National Gallery of Art, beginning with 1871 and ending with 1928 \(^{[3]0}\), and to some extent in the publications of the Pan American Union and the Interior and State Departments.

Unofficial records occur in numerous scientific and art journals including Science, the American Anthropologist, Art and Archeology and the American Magazine of Art. Also in the Field Columbian Museum Reports for 1894 and 1896, including especially the volume on the Ancient Ruins of Yucatan, 1895 and in reports of the Department of Geology of the University of Chicago. See also the bibliography appended to this volume.

Attention was not given to the writing of a formal personal biography until I was in my 83rd year, and all that could be done was to assemble and bind in volumes such selections from the great mass of refuse of a lifetime, scientific, artistic and personal, as might possibly prove...
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of interest to present and future generations of Smithsonian people. I was born on the same day with the Institution and have been associated more or less closely with all its people from Professor Henry down, and have come to regard myself as an original predestined member of the family. These imperfectly edited volumes of fragments, together with a number of paintings, are all that I have to contribute personally and unofficially to the Institution's diversified and fast multiplying heritage.

^[[WHH]]

^[[Record here my closing years, 1930-31 and sign.]]
BIографическИе периоды, 1846 - 1931

I. Период детства, школы и школы обучения, декабрь 1, 1846-1869.

II. Общее высшее образование, получение высшего образования и обучение в школе, 1865-1871.

III. Ученик в Вашингтоне, 1871-1872.

IV. Художник в Smithsonian Institution, 1871-1872.

V. Художник на Специальной экспедиции, 1872-1874.

VI. Геолог на Специальной экспедиции, 1874-1879.

VII. В Европе, студент по искусству и археологии, 1879-1880.


IX. Археолог, Управление американской этнографии, 1889-1894.

X. Куратор по антропологии, Музей и профессор антропической геологии в Университете Чикаго, 1894-1897.

XI. Куратор, Управление по антропологии (включая историю, этнографию и искусство), US National Museum, 1897-1902.

XII. Верховный, Управление американской этнографии, 1902-1909.


XIV. Директор, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1931.

XV-XVII. (то же для Директора, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1931.)

XVIII. (то же для Директора, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1931.)

XIX. (то же для Директора, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1931.)

XX. (то же для Директора, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1931.)

Четыре дополнительных тома неизвестны 1932 г.
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM HENRY HOLMES
ARTIST, GEOLOGIST, ARCHEOLOGIST AND ART GALLERY
DIRECTOR.
1846-1930

The subject of this sketch was born December 1, 1846 in the home of his parents, Joseph and Mary Heberling Holmes, near the city of Cadiz, Ohio, the home farm being one of the subdivisions of the original grant to his grandfather in 1800. The house was on the Cadiz St. Clairsville road, four and one-half miles south of Cadiz. As recorded in Colonel Holmes’ work, "The American Family of the Rev. Obadiah Holmes," he represents the eighth generation of this family in America.*

The earliest memory of Mr. Holmes is of the occasion when his father and mother took him each by a hand and led him into the garden to show him and let him taste the first ripe strawberries of the season. This episode was followed by numerous personally directed exploits in gardens and orchards which may be regarded as prophetic of his career as an explorer and


For details of the professional career of Mr. Holmes see publications of the Smithsonian Institution, the two Geological Surveys, the Bureau of American Ethnology, the U.S. National Museum, the National Gallery of Art and the Field Columbian Museum, 1872-1927. The list of his publications includes 217 numbers.
collector. One of these exploits was a raid on the watermelon patch when the melons were about the size of goose eggs. When discovered he had nearly the whole prospective crop gathered into a heap. What happened to him on that occasion is not recorded. The collecting habit, however, grew on him and today various Museums are burdened with accumulations in geology, archeology and art as the result of his enterprise.

His first day at school, in the little schoolhouse in the edge of an oak forest, is distinctly remembered. His two brothers [older than himself] had brought home terrible stories of the whippings administered to unruly pupils by the teacher, and when they got him to the top of the hill where the first glimpse of the schoolhouse was obtained, he promptly "bucked," refusing to go further, but was forced along, and in his later years has no recollection of the administration of corrective treatment by the teacher.

His art career, indeed his entire career in the outer world, was foreshadowed and begun while in the first and second school readers. With his seat mate, Alexander Hammond, he took to tracing the little illustrations in their readers with sharp points and soon [they] had them partially cut out of the books. He imagined that he excelled in this work, and pride of his skill led him to other graphic ventures, which are not ended after the lapse of three-quarters of a century. Joseph Thomas, one of his school mates some years older, was quite artistic in his turn and had acquired a small box of colors, of which the incipient
artist was very envious, and in lieu of boughten colors he squeezed the 
juice of weeds for green and berries for red and with improvised brushes 
began his career as a painter. One of the happiest days of his boyhood 
was the occasion when the local market man was induced to buy for him 
in Wheeling, Virginia, twenty miles away, a box of colors and the 
necessary brushes. He did not, however, understand the use of brushes 
and painted with the point, much as with a pen, but soon learned better 
and early in the sixties had procured oil paints, and several examples of 
this work of that period in both mediums are preserved.

His mother died when he was ten and he lived a year with his 
grandparents, John and Mary Heberling, charming old folks, in the 
village of Georgetown, two and one-half miles away.

The young man was probably of small account on the farm, his two 
older brothers taking the heavier burdens while he hunted squirrels and 
rabbits, fished, sketched and went to school. At nineteen ["1865" in 
pencil above] he was fortunate enough to be able to attend the 
McNeely Normal ["n" corrected from "n"] at Hopedale, seven miles 
away, from which institution he graduated in 1867 ["67" crossed out and 
"70" written above]. In 1865 he was able to secure a certificate to teach 
in the common schools, and began in this field as assistant to his 
cousin, Abram Holmes, in the Red Hill schoolhouse near Cadiz, and 
later taught in the neighboring schools of Science Hill and Beech Spring.

In 1866 Holmes found the prospect of a teacher's life so unattractive that 
he decided to take up the study of art if
any kind of an opportunity presented itself; and appealing to his cousin, Colonel J. T. Holmes of Columbus, he was advised to visit Steubenville and find out whether Mr. E. F. Andrews, an artist of repute, would be willing to give him lessons. He found Mr. Andrews occupying an elegant mansion with a commodious studio and a very agreeable gentleman in every way, but who was not inclined to take pupils. It is a noteworthy fact that many years later Mr. Andrews and he came together in Washington, Andrews as Principal of the Corcoran School of Art, and Holmes as Curator of the National Gallery of Art. Mr. Andrews died in October 1917, and Holmes had the privilege of presenting an address in his honor on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial tablet to him in the Corcoran Gallery. Later it fell to Holmes’ lot to install in the National Museum a collection of art objects left by Andrews and presented to the Museum by Mrs. Andrews as a permanent memorial to him.

Returning home disappointed from his visit to Mr. Andrews in Steubenville, and with the art idea pretty well dissipated, Holmes resolved to try his luck with a school of higher grade than that of Hopedale and spent a single term at the Willoughby Collegiate Institute on Euclid Avenue extended, Cleveland, Ohio, beginning March 30, 1867. It happened, curiously enough, that his room mate here was John M. Wilson, a cousin of Woodrow Wilson, later President of the United States. Among other classmates were Henry A. Clark, of Erie, Pennsylvania, afterwards
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JAMES TAYLOR HOLMES,
As He Appeared During the Civil War

Colonel J. T. Holmes, Historian of the Holmes' Family in America, who advised me to visit Mr. Andrews in Steubenville regarding art instruction.

VISIT TO E. F. ANDREWS’ STUDIO, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, 1866

Copy of a letter from Colonel J. T. Holmes, Columbus, Ohio, addressed to W. H. Holmes.

November 29, 1866.

Dear Cousin:

I have not yet procured the catalogue of any institution in which your art is taught as you wish to pursue it. Since, as I understand it, you desire making art a specialty, in giving you advice in the matter I should recommend that you visit Steubenville and obtaining an introduction, as you could easily do through your uncle, Lieutenant Moore, to Mr. E. F. Andrews, counsel with him as to instruction, methods of study, etc.

Mr. Andrews, I am told, has the finest studio in the state, and as an artist stands in the first rank. The result of such a visit might be that you would conclude to study art with Mr. Andrews. Should you prefer a school, however, he will most likely be able and willing to commend to you the best in the state or in the country at large. If this latter is your plan, a letter of inquiry addressed to Mr. Andrews through Lieutenant Moore, asking the latter to present the communication, will answer all purposes.

From what I know and have heard of Mr. Andrews, to have him as a patron in art is an important desideratum.

Hoping you may be successful in all of your undertakings, I remain

Your cousin,

J. T. Holmes
(Colonel, U.S.A.)

A visit was made to Mr. Andrew’s home in Steubenville, but he did not care to give lessons. This copy of the Colonel’s letter was made to be read as part of a brief address at the Corcoran Gallery on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial tablet to Mr. E. F. Andrews, founder of the Corcoran School of Art. May 31, 1917.
McNeely Normal School
Hopedale, O. April 5th, 1871.
John S. Hart, L. L. D.}
Trenton, N.J.;    }

Dear Sir,- Presuming on a very limited acquaintance, permit me to introduce to your favorable notice Mr. W. H. Holmes, a teacher in our school, who is visiting different schools in the Eastern States with the object of improvement in the teaching of Drawing, Geography, and Natural History.

Any facilities that you may be able conveniently to extend him in the prosecution of this work, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Yours most truly
Edwin Regal
Mc Neely Normal School
Hopedale , O. April 5th, 1871.

Mr. D.B. Hagar } Salem, Mass.; }

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written to principal of the State Normal School
Salem Mass. introducing W H Holmes
Harrison County School Certificate.
WE CERTIFY THAT
Mr. Wm. H. Holmes
Sustains a good moral character; that he is qualified to teach
ORTHOGRAPHY, ARITHMETIC,
READING, GEOGRAPHY,
WRITING, ENGLISH GRAMMAR;
And possesses and adequate knowledge of the theory and practices of
teaching.
We, therefore, authorize him to teach these branches in any common
school within this county, for the term of Six months from the 1st day of
September 1865
M. K. Turner
M. B. Adams
W. B. Hearn
BOARD OF EXAMINERS
No.______]

[handwritten notes at bottom of page:
1865
1846
19 years of age
My first certificate to teach, 1865, W. H. Holmes, Dec 1929]
"SCIENCE SCATTERS DARKNESS WITH A TORCH."

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
PERICLESIAN LITERARY SOCIETY,
of the
M'Neely Normal School,
HOPEDALE, OHIO,
Friday Evening, March 24, 1865,
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

OFFICERS:
President, Jno. S. Eagleson.
Vice President, Francis W. Hibbard.

PROGRAMME.
OVERTURE...Hopedale Orchestra.
INTRODUCTORY.
SONG..."A song of a Thousand Years"...Solo and Chorus.
ORATION..."Intelligence gives Influence"...W. S. Poulson, Cadiz, Ohio.
ESSAY..."Labor"...Miss Laura K. Caldwell, Hopedale, Ohio.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
CHARADE.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
TABLEAU -- Army and Navy.
SONG..."National Flag"...Solo and Chorus.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
ORATION..."Individually Myself"...Milton Taggart, Hopedale, Ohio.
RECITATION...Miss Bell Speaker, Steubenville, Ohio.
SONG..."That's So Too"...Solo and Chorus.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
DRAMA -- HANDY ANDY.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
DECLARATION..."Peace"...Samuel K. McLaughlin, Adena, Ohio.
READING OF BUDGET...Miss Louie P. Moore, Short Creek, Ohio.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
TABLEAU -- In Two Scenes.
PIN MONEY AND NEEDLE MONEY, OR WEALTH AND POVERTY.
MUSIC -- Orchestra.
TO CONCLUDE WITH SONG."Putting on Airs"...solo and Chorus.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
OF THE
DRAMA OF HANDY ANDY.

HANDY ANDY..."Squire Egan's Servant--Always Committing
M. J. Saunders
Blunders"...M. J. Saunders
SQUIRE EGAN..."Handy Andy's Master"...Milton Taggart.
SQUIRE O'GRADY..."A Villain who Tries to Defraud Edward
F. W. Hibbard.
O'Connor"...F. W. Hibbard.
Mr. MURPHY..."Egan's Lawyer--Fond of good Whiskey"...G. W. Medill.
DICK DAWSON..."A Friend of Mr. Murphy"...A. Palmer.
Mr. FURLONG..."A Would-Be Exquisite in the Employ of O'Grady"...W. H. Holmes.
EDWARD O'CONNER..."Unlawfully Deprived of his Rights by O'Grady--
and who Loves Fanny Dawson"....Estop Lynn.
1st RUFFIAN...Flemming J. Deal.
2nd RUFFIAN...Wesley Baxter.
OONAH ROONEY."Handy Andy's Sweetheart"...Miss Mollie Creal.
MAD NANCY."Supposed to be Crazy, Who Proves to be the Mother of Handy Andy"...Miss A. C. A. Gallaher.
FANNY DAWSON."In Love with Edward O'Conner"...Miss Lizzie C. Amos.
WE CERTIFY THAT

M [written] Wm. H. Holmes

Sustains a GOOD MORAL CHARACTER; that he is qualified to teach

Orthography, Writing, Geography,
Reading, Arithmetic, English Grammar;

And possesses an adequate knowledge of the theory and practice of teaching.

We, therefore, authorize him to teach these branches in any Common School within this county, for the term of months from August 29th 186[written]7

W. Brinkerhoff
M. K. Turner
W. T. Meloy

Board of Examiners.

[Written in ink at bottom] Post up in Arithmetic.
CATALOGUE

--OF THE--

McNeely Normal School

OF OHIO.

HOPEDALE, HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO.

For the Academic Year 1870--71.

TEACHERS.

EDWIN REGAL, PRINCIPAL,
Languages, History and Didactics.

W. BRINKERHOFF, A. M.,
Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

MRS. FLORA K. REGAL, LADIES' PRINCIPAL,
Rhetoric and Botany.

WM. H. HOLMES,
Geography, Natural History, Drawing and Painting.

Commercial Department and Penmanship.

PROF. FRANCIS SCHWINGER,
Instrumental Music,—Piano, Organ and Violin.
Washington, April 11, 1871.

Friend Simmons:

Accident prevented me from answering your letter immediately. I suppose to stay here all summer except perhaps for 4 or 6 weeks during the hottest term. Your friend (W.H.H.) therefore may come. My ladies’ classes are growing, the gentlemen classes declining and in the whole, things look quite promising. I had already the idea to advertise a course of painting for teachers during vacation times. Your letter has renewed the idea and I shall, perhaps, do so.

Saturday, week ago, I held my lecture on American art at Kings, with, or it seems, great success. At least the papers said that it had been the most interesting entertainment during last season.

If your friend is coming to Washington expressly for the study of painting, then the regular classes will, I suppose, not be enough for him.

I made the acquaintance of Judge Kelly of Philadelphia and he has become quite interested and active.

I am Truly

THEODORE KAUFMANN

(This letter led me to visit Washington)

See Biography, Volume I
Friend Timmons

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Yours Truly

Theodore Kaufmann

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member of Congress from that district for the years 1916, 1917 and 1918.

While at school at Willoughby, Holmes visited the studio of Miss Caroline Ransome, the artist, in Cleveland, but failed again to find the way open to an art career. Later he returned to Hopedale and graduated at the Normal School there in 1870. Not being satisfied with his acquirements as a teacher, he conceived the plan of taking a course of instruction in a teacher's school of high grade, the State Normal School, Salem, Massachusetts, and his father advanced $200.00 to enable him to carry out this plan. But here good fortune came to his rescue and the course of his life was wholly changed and his art tendencies, never wholly lost sight of, came anew to the surface. He happened one day to be in Neri Hanna's book store in Cadiz, Ohio, and while talking with Mr. Hanna of his plans, was introduced to Mr. John Simmons, a native of Cadiz who had just returned from Washington, where he occupied a clerkship in the War Department. On hearing of Holmes' disappointment at having to give up art, he advised him strongly to abandon the Salem plan and go to Washington instead and study painting under Theodore Kaufmann, a painter of much local repute. Mr. Simmons wrote to Mr. Kaufmann, making inquiries, and the reply was so encouraging that Holmes decided to stop in Washington and make inquiries. Kaufmann's studio was found on Twelfth Street, just below F, and it was not long before the idea of a school teacher's career was relegated to
the scrap heap. It happened that in this class, as a fellow pupil was Miss Mary Henry, daughter of Professor Joseph Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Through acquaintance with Miss Henry, Holmes learned of the Institution where he soon found plentiful subjects for his every ready pencil. This acquaintance with the Institution put him in direct touch with the realm of science. On the occasion of this first visit, April 1871, he stopped just within the front door to sketch a bright colored bird exhibited in one of the showcases. While at this work he was observed by the young Naturalist, Dr. Jose Zeledon of Costa Rica, who happened to be passing, and was asked if he had a fancy for birds, and replying in the affirmative, he was invited to go upstairs and see a wonderful work on humming birds by Gould. There he was introduced to a number of scientists and when it was learned that he could draw, he was asked to try his hand on drawing fossil shells for the Institution's authority in this branch, Dr. F. B. Meek of Columbus, Ohio. Being successful in this work, he was employed also in drawing shells of living species for Dr. W. H. Dall, the eminent naturalist. Having succeeded in satisfying these critical professors, he was soon regularly engaged on this work, but the even current of his artistic progress had one unexpected check. Professor F. S. Baird, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian, a naturalist of great repute, asked him to draw an illustration for the title page of a forthcoming work on birds, and he soon carried to the professor a nicely
FIRST SKETCH IN WATER COLORS MADE IN WASHINGTON.

This sketch was made in 1871 looking West from the Seventh Street Bridge over the abandoned Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, showing the Tenth Street foot bridge with the Washington Monument stump on the left, and the gas works on the right. The foot bridge rested at the left on the spot now occupied by the entrance to the New National Museum.

Hand-signed and dated W.H. Holmes

Feb. 12th 1930
JULIUS ULKE, 1878 WASH., D. C.

Professor F.B. Meek, paleontologist
Holmes began drawing for him in 1871.
at the beginning of my "Washington" ventures, 1871
finished drawing of a bird in flight hovering over a flower. Baird glanced at the drawing with a kindly but questioning look and hesitatingly inquired, "And what is the species of the bird?" This ended the episode which, by the way, was the artist's first real lesson in the realm of science.

In the spring of 1872 Holmes was appointed artist to the U.S. Geological Survey of the Territories under Dr. F. V. Hayden, to succeed Henry W. Elliott who had resigned the position to join the Polaris Expedition under the direction of Dr. Emil Bessels. The summer of 1872 was spent with the Survey of the Yellowstone country, now the Yellowstone National Park, Reached from Ogden, Utah, by a coach & four, a wild drive, pack train where ample opportunity was afforded to prove his ability with the pencil and incidentally as a mountaineer and graphic recorder of geological phenomena; and the following winter was spend in Washington preparing maps and illustrations for the reports of the Survey and in the study of art. See detailed accounts of the years from 1872 to 1879 in the annual reports of that Survey.

The survey of Colorado followed in 1873 with Denver as a basis of operations. Holmes climbed many of the principal peaks of the front ranges and was the first person known to reach the summit of the then mysterious mountain of the Holy Cross. (See detailed account of this ascent herewith) In 1874, continuing under the same auspices, he had made such progress in field geology that he was appointed Assistant Geologist on the Survey and assisted the Director in the study of the great mountain.
ranges of central Colorado. In 1875 he was given charge of the party assigned to the Survey of the San Juan Valley in New Mexico and Arizona. It happened that this region was the home of the ancient Cliff-dwellers and he examined and reported on the remarkable ruins encountered at nearly every turn, thus making his entry into the fascinating realm of archeology. At this period the region was infested by bands of thieving Indians and on one occasion the party's entire herd of animals was driven off at midnight, but fortunately by the prompt pursuit of the head packer, Thomas Cooper, all were recaptured before morning. (See detailed account of the episode herewith.)

The winter months of 1875-76 were spent in Washington, preparing reports of the previous field season on the geology and archeology of the Cliff House Region of Southern Colorado, and the spring months in preparing extensive exhibits for the Museum to be shown at the Philadelphia Centennial. The summer was spent in a remarkable trip with A. D. Wilson on the primary triangulation of the great mountain systems of Colorado. During the season eleven peaks, 14,000 feet in height or approaching that height were climbed, among these are Longs, Pikes, Grays, Culebra, Torrey, Evans, Sopris, Lincoln, Grizzly, White Rock, Powell, Italian, Blanca, Herperus and the quartzites. Holmes was the first to reach the summit in every case. The survey of the Colorado region continued through 1877, but Holmes remained in Washington in charge of the prepara-
in Washington about 1875
tion of illustrations and maps engaged in writing reports.

In 1878 the Survey sent a second expedition into the Yellowstone region, set aside in 1872 as a National Park. The park was reached by pack train from Cheyenne, Wyoming, the region traversed being of great interest. On the way a stop of one day was made in Wyoming to permit observation of the total eclipse of the sun and drawings in color were made of the corona. Several months were spent in the Park and Holmes' report is included in the Annual Report of the Survey for 1878. The report describes inconsiderable detail with numerous illustrations of the exceedingly interesting geological features of the Park, including the fossil forests and the glacial phenomena of the region. He reported also on the occurrence of Indian implements made of obsidian, or volcanic glass, which material abounds in the Park. Due to the important part taken by him in the explorations of the year, he was later honored by Director Hayden of the Survey, by having his name attached to one of the prominent mountain peaks in the Park.

A year, July 1879-July 1880, was spent in Europe. The winter months were devoted to art studies in Munich where he was associated with the American art colony, of which Frank Duveneck of Cincinnati was the outstanding personality, and this was supplemented in the spring by sketching trips to Rome, Venice, Naples and other Italian cities, and studies in the great Museums and Galleries.

The old survey, the U.S. Geological and Geographical
Survey of the Territories, Dr. F. V. Hayden, in charge, had been discontinued by Congress December 30, 1879, and was succeeded by the reorganized survey, the U. S. Geological Survey, under Clarence King. On Holmes' return from Europe, June 30, 1880, he was assigned to duty on this new Survey and was at once directed to join Major Clarence E. Dutton, Geologist, on the Survey of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. His principal work for the season was the drawing of panoramic views of the canyon, the most important being that from Point Sublime. The following winter season was devoted to drawing these panoramas in pen line and in color for reproduction in the atlas of Colorado, and in the preparation of the Geological maps for this great volume. In December he was assigned by the Secretary of the Interior to the task of closing up the affairs of the old Survey, $10,000 being available for this purpose, retaining [strikethrough] my [strikethrough] "[his] position, however, on the reorganized Geological Survey. The years 1882-3-4 and 5 were devoted largely to Museum work and the study of primitive art in its various branches. The activities of the period were varied greatly by the preparation and installation of exhibits of the Survey and Museum for expositions at New Orleans, Louisville and Cincinnati. During these and many preceding and succeeding years Holmes was much concerned in the illustration work of the Geological Survey and the Smithsonian Institution, with drawing, engraving and publishing, and with the preparation of ethnological and geological maps.
this important field he had for many years the able assistance of Mr. DeLancy W. Gill who is still, in 1927, the leading illustrator of the Smithsonian and its departments. A related work was the preparation of the exhibits of the Institution for the numerous expositions, American and foreign.

In April 1884 the monotony of home-staying was broken by a trip to Mexico on which Holmes was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chain, professional photographers who had the use of a special car provided with a studio and comfortable living accommodations. Mr. W. H. Jackson, photographer, joined the party at El Paso, Texas. It was a delightful excursion of two months with visits to Mexico City, Puebla, Zacatecas, Chihuahua, Oaxaco, Cholula and other places of note giving the opportunity of studying peoples, museums, ancient ruins and a number of the great volcanic mountains.

Early in August 1886 he had the good fortune to be asked to join a field party of scientists planning a three months study of the Indian tribes and ancient ruins in New Mexico and Arizona. In the party were Professor S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Major J. W. Powell, Director of the Geological Survey, James Stevenson, Assistant to Dr. Hayden, and Mrs. Stevenson, and others interested in the Pueblo region. A permanent camp was established in the San Diego valley, a tributary of the Rio Grande, fifty miles West of Santa Fe, with the Jemez mountains rising on the west.

Holmes' own energies were devoted mainly to an examina-
tion of the ancient ruins which are very numerous in the region. An excursion of very especial interest was the ascent of Jemez Mountain in company with Major Powell and others. The ascent was easy enough but the descent proved to him a disaster. It happened that his pony, which had an easy gait on ordinary roads and trails, had stiff fore legs and on the long tedious descent of the trailless mountain slopes he came down at each step with a terrible jolt which so affected the rider's spine that on reaching camp he found himself quite helpless so that he had to be carried on a litter to the distant railroad station where he was placed on the first homeward bound train. He recovered in a few weeks but has always found it necessary to avoid any severe strain affecting the spine.

The five year period, 1889-94, was one of the most important periods of his labors in the field of science, and one of the most important in the history of American archaeological research. At the beginning of this period the theory of a paleolithic (early stone) man in America, corresponding closely in grade of culture with the paleolithic period in Europe, had been accepted without question by American students. Collectors in various sections of the country had amassed evidence that appeared to them conclusive, and Museum cases were filled with rudely chipped stones labelled "American Paleolithic Implements." Because they were rude in shape and resembled the so-called paleolithic implements of Europe, they were assigned to an antiquity of
from twenty to one hundred thousand years, and to a people preceding the American Indian. By a study of these collections Holmes soon became convinced that a serious mistake was being made. None of the so-called implements showed evidence of specialization of form adapting them to a particular use, or of any wear by use. During these five years a vigorous, and to some extent a bitter controversy was carried on between him and the advocates of great antiquity with the result that at the close of the period no implement or chipped stone of any kind was to be found in an American Museum of repute labelled "paleolithic." All were shown to be merely the failures of shop and quarry sites where the Indians had, with the aid of stone hammers, roughed out blades to be finished afterwards as knives, scrapers, spear heads and the like. Experiment on Holmes part made it clear that with the materials available there were twenty or more failures to a single success and these failures were rejected and cast into the refuse heap.

In 1893 Holmes took a prominent part in the installation of the exhibits of the Smithsonian Institution at the Field Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and in 1894 resigned from the Bureau of Ethnology to accept the Head Curatorship of Anthropology in the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, having already been appointed non resident Professor of Anthropic Geology, under Professor T. C. Chamberlain, in the University of Chicago. At a farewell banquet tendered him on leaving Washington by his artistic and
scientific friends and associates, he was presented with a silver loving
cup on which the following inscription is engraved:

Washington, D. C.
May 16th, 1894.
Presented to William Henry Holmes by his
Associates in the Smithsonian Institution
and the United States Geological Survey
as a token of their esteem.

During the winter of 1894-95 an event of exceptional importance in
Holmes' career occurred. This was an exploring expedition to Yucatan
with Mr. Allison V. Armour of Chicago in his good yacht Ituna. The chief
result of this trip was the publication by the Field Museum of a volume of
338 pages on the ancient ruins of Yucatan and Central America with
numerous illustrations of the remarkable ruined buildings and works of
sculpture and with maps, ground plans ^[of the buildings] and
panoramic views of the cities.*

In 1897 he returned to Washington to become Head Curator of the
Department of Anthropology in the National Museum, this department
including besides ethnology and archeology, the collections of
technology, history and art. In 1900 he spent the months of February
and March with Major Powell studying the antiquities of the Island of
Cuba, and later joined Secretary S. P. Langley in Jamaica assisting in
the study of the flight of the

*"Archaeological Studies Among the Ancient Ruins of Mexico, "[by W H
Holmes]" in two parts.
turkey buzzard, the object being to learn something of the secrets of flight and their possible application to the development of the flying machine. Later a third visit was made to Mexico during which interesting studies, scientific and artistic, were made.

On the death of Major Powell in 1902, Holmes became Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, retaining, however, the honorary position of Head Curator in the National Museum. It should be explained here that the National Museum and the Bureau of American Ethnology are co-ordinate bureaus under the Smithsonian Institution. A noteworthy feature of this period was the publication under his immediate direction, and to the contents of which he was a leading contributor, of the two volume "Handbook of the American Indians," edited by Mr. F. W. Hodge. In 1909, being deeply interested in Museum work, he retired from the Bureau of Ethnology to devote his entire time to that work and to archeological researches, conducting investigations in many fields. Perhaps his most important achievements of this period were the classification and installation in the National Museum, second floor, of the great collections of American Archeology, and in 1903 the establishment of the Division of Physical Anthropology in the National Museum with Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, the noted physical anthropologist, as Curator. The latter achievement was the direct result of his accidental observation of the fact that in the Army Medical Museum, adjoining the National Museum on the Mall, there was a collection of 2200 human skulls assembled for research purposes, but which,
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due to changes in the personnel of the Museum, were not being utilized as intended. Holmes succeeded in having the collection transferred to the National Museum's department of anthropology, which was under his charge, and with the result, due to the tireless enterprise of Dr. Hrdlicka that in less than a score of years the collection has been increased to 20,000 crania, beside a great body of related materials. A noteworthy feature of this and previous periods was the installation in the Museum of life-size groups in plaster of paris of Indians engaged in their various interesting activities. These were designed by Holmes and modelled in clay by U. S. J. Dunbar, the sculptor.

In more recent years, 1906-1920, the art collections increased with gratifying rapidity. The valuation of a few thousand dollars when Holmes took charge, had by gift and bequest increased in 1920 to an estimated value of ten millions. The rapid growth was largely due to the fact that the new Museum building, completed in 1910, afforded attractive, though unfortunately limited, wall spaces for the display of art works.

In 1920 another important change took place in Holmes' activities and responsibilities. The art collections of the Institution having grown, in importance as thus noted, the Gallery was divorced from the Museum and he was named Director a position which he still holds at the beginning of 1928, fifty-seven years after his first visit to the Smithsonian Institution.

Strangely enough Holmes has, among various honors, the unique distinction of having two important mountains named after him, one in the Yellowstone National Park, so named by the Director of the Survey of the Territories in recognition of his geological
researches in the Yellowstone country (1878) not known by him at the
time, and one named by Professor G.K. Gilbert, a U.S. Geologist, in the
Henry Mountains of Utah (1877) not known by him until several years
later. This latter honor is explained as follows: during Holmes geological
explorations in the Colorado Valley, he had been the first to describe a
peculiar type of mountain-building, since frequently observed. It
happened that in the long past there had been much volcanic activity in
the region and great bodies of lava were formed and pressed upward,
sometimes reaching the surface, though often not doing so, but instead
spreading out beneath the surface where softer deposits were
encountered, lifting the superior harder strata up in dome-like elevations
of great extent. As surface erosion long afterward penetrated the
domed strata the lava bodies were in part exposed revealing the secrets
of their origin and structure.
In 1898 Holmes was awarded the Loubat Prize of $1,000 by the Columbia
University of New York for the most important work in the field of American
archeology for the five-year period ending with 1898; and a second prize of
$400 for the most important publication in this field for the five-year period ending with
1923.
To indicate the recognition that has come to Holmes within the
fields of both science and art, it may be stated that he is a member of
the National Academy of Sciences and a score or more of other
scientific, art and literary organizations. He has represented the
Smithsonian Institution at numerous scientific
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conferences and expositions at home and abroad. He was a founder of
the Cosmos Club and later its President. In [[strikethrough]] 1894
[[strikethrough]] he was honored by the degree of Doctor of
Science by George Washington University.

On his seventieth birthday his associates in the several fields of activity
in which he has engaged celebrated the occasion by preparing and
presenting to him at a banquet in his honor, a profusely illustrated
volume of essays of 500 pages, prepared for the occasion by the
participants in the banquet, and entitled "The Holmes Memorial
Volume," copies of which may be found in the principal libraries.
Holmes eightieth birthday, December 1, 1926, was made especially
notable by the presentation to him of a handsomely bound volume of
letters written by one hundred and sixty of his friends and associates.
This book is a very precious memorial and is preserved in the library of
the National Gallery of Art.

Between his arrival at the Smithsonian Institution in 1871 and the date of
this writing, January 1929, he has led an active and most varied and
interesting life devoted to science and art. A much broken story of these
fifty-eight years is told in a multitude of publications of the period, official
and non-official.
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Division of Physical Anthropology in National Museum, 1903. Member, National Academy of Sciences; member, New York Academy of Sciences; member, National Research Council; member, American Philosophical Society; president, Washington Academy of Sciences; president, American Anthropological Association; honorary member, Davenport Academy of Science, 1904; corresponding member, American Institute of Architects; life member, National Geographic Society, 1913; member, International American Archeological Commission, 1904; delegate, Pan-American Scientific Congress, Chile, 1908-09; acting president, Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists; chairman, Managing Committee, School of American Archeology; member, Advisory Committee on Archeology of Carnegie Institution 1920-28; chairman, Section of Anthropology, Second Pan-American Congress; U.S. Commissioner on International Commission of Archeology and Anthropology of American Republics, 1903; delegate, National Geographic Society to Congress of Americanists, Stuttgart, 1904; member, American Museums Association; member, American Folklore
Society; member, National Research Council; founder, Cosmos Club, 1884, president, 1907; honorary member, French Alpine Club, 1926; member, Anthropological Society of Berlin, 1903; corresponding member, Academy of Natural Sciences, Bolivia, 1916; honorary fellow, Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 1897; corresponding member, National Academy of History, Colombia, S.A.; corresponding member, Anthropologic and Geographic Society, Stockholm, 1903; honorary member, National University, La Plata, Argentina Republic, S.A. 1907; President, Washington Water Color Club, 1920-1928; President, Society of Washington Artists; president, National Society of Fine Arts, 1909; honorary member, Washington Arts Club; member, American Federation of Arts; art editor, "Art and Archaeology," Washington, D.C.; life member, Literary Society of Washington; curator, National Gallery of Art, 1910-1920; director, National Gallery of Art, 1920-1930. Upwards of 200 scientific publications, 1874-1920.
Professor W.H. Holmes of the Smithsonian Institution, nationally known for his achievements in both science and art, at the Cosmos Club where he has made his home since the death of his wife in 1925. Professor Holmes was born in Harrison County, Ohio, December 1, 1846, and, after graduating from the local Normal College with the degree of AB, he was about to set out for Salem, Massachusetts with the view of completing his education as a teacher by taking a course in the State Normal School. When the preparations for this venture were about complete he happened to mention his plans to a friend, a resident of Washington, who knew of his desire for an art career. This friend persuaded him to give up the idea of teaching as a life work and join him in a class of painting under Theodore Kauffman in Washington. This advice was taken and never regretted since it opened the way to a most interesting career of nearly sixty years.

In Kauffman's class as pupils were the two daughters of Professor Joseph Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and their acquaintance led to a visit to the Institution by young Holmes. By mere accident he was introduced to some of the resident Professors. It happened that two of these, Doctors F.B. Meek and W.H. Dall, were in need of an artists to make drawings of the shells they were studying and when they found
that their visitor could draw, he was welcomed and at once put to work.

In the spring of 1872 Holmes had the good fortune to be appointed Artist to the Survey of the Territories under Dr. F.V. Hayden, U.S. Geologist, and took an active part in exploring the wonders of the Yellowstone. The survey of Colorado followed in 1873, 4, 5 and 6, and Holmes' skill in analyzing and recording the geological structure of the splendid ranges led to his appointment in 1874 as Assistant Geologist on the Survey. In 1875 he was given charge of the Division of the Survey assigned to the exploration of the San Juan region in Southwest Colorado. Due to his success in solving certain geological problems of that region Professor G.K. Gilbert, geologist of the Powell Survey, then at work in Utah, named one of the Peaks of the Henry Range, "Mount Holmes" and one of the subordinate summits "The Lesser Holmes."

In carrying on the survey work, and especially the primary triangulation of the State, scores of the greater summits were ascended, an arduous but fascinating work. One summit, however, had a particular interest of its own - the Mountain of the Holy Cross. Looking to the West from Gray's Peak, a lofty summit some forty miles away, was seen to bear upon its granite face a great cross of snow. Later this mountain was reached and after several days arduous travel and climbing the ascent was completed and the splendid photographs made by the Survey Photographer, Mr. W.H. Jackson, are now known in every
country of the world. Professor Holmes is proud of his record as a mountaineer, having been first to reach the summit in this and in every other ascent made during the Colorado work. In 1878 the Survey again visited the Yellowstone region and Professor Holmes’ work extended over a large part of the Park, his studies of the Grand Canyon being of very special interest. It was determined that the great flows of lava, probably in glacial times had filled the narrow gorge of the river, which normally flowed to the North, turning it temporarily out of its course to the South. The glacial ice sweeping down from the North had scattered granite masses, derived from the Northern highlands over the plateaus to the South, completing the story. This interpretation was verified fifty years later (1928) by the researches of Professor R.M. Field, Chief of the Department of Geology, Princeton University, and Professor O.T. Jones, Head of the Department of Geology, University of Manchester, England, who spent the summer in the Grand Canyon region.

It happened in 1874 and 1875 that Professor Holmes’ geological activities brought him into contact with the interesting archeological remains of Colorado. Studies were made of the Cliff dwellings and the associated art remains, and later corresponding researches were carried over many of the states and territories extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from New Jersey on the East to California on the West. His report to the Field Columbian Museum on his studies in connection with the A.V. Armour expedition in 1895 threw much new light upon the
remarkable architectural remains of the Maya period in Yucatan, and a later trip to Guatemala with Dr. Sylvanus G. Morley extended the range of kindred researches. Noteworthy among his archeological investigations were the analysis of the so-called evidence of a paleolithic man and culture in America. The rudely chipped stones found widely distributed over the Eastern states were being collected by the Museums and because of their rude shapes were regarded as the implements of a remote period, but Holmes' exhaustive studies of the ancient bowlder quarries of Piney Branch, a tributary of Rock Creek, now within the limits of Washington City, proved conclusively that all these rudely fractured stones were nothing more than the failures, the refuse of the stone blade-making of the historic aboriginees. Among the hundreds of tons of these chipped stones covering the bluff slopes of the little valley, no single implement save the rude hammer-stones employed in the chipping work have been found. All of the successful forms, doubtless mainly knife blades and projectile points, were carried away for use in the native activities. In 1898 Professor Holmes was awarded the Duc de Loubat Prize of $1000 for the most important work in archeological research for the five year period 1893-1898. Due to his successful work in geology and archeology, he was appointed in 1892, largely through the influence of the distinguished geologist Professor C.T. Chamberlain, to the non-resident Professorship of anthropic geology in the University of Chicago, and in 1894 he accepted the Curatorship of Anthropology in the Field Columbian
Museum. In 1897 Professor Holmes returned to Washington becoming Head Curator of Anthropology in the National Museum. Success in solving the various problems arising in the two great fields of geology and archaeology, led to his election in 1905 to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, a much prized honor.

In 1902 he was appointed Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology in the Smithsonian Institution, which position he held until 1909, when he was transferred to the staff of the National Museum as Head Curator of the Department of Anthropology. This position he held until 1920. Professor Holmes was particularly proud of his success in organizing the Division of Physical Anthropology in the Museum in 1910, and of securing the appointment of Dr. Ales Hrdlicka as its Curator. In the list of things of importance accomplished during the period of 1910-20 was the reclassification of the great body of archaeological collections heretofore crowded into the Old Building, and their installations in the New Natural History building, splendid group of cases for their reception being built under Professor Holmes' direction. In exposition work and as a member of various international scientific Congresses he was called upon to visit several foreign countries including England, France, Germany, Mexico, Chili and Peru, thus extending his field of scientific activities. Included in the Department of Anthropology of which Professor Holmes took charge in 1909, were the several Divisions of Ethnology, American Archaeology, Old World Archaeology, Technology...
History, Physical Anthropology and Art. In 1920, the latter Division had
grown to such proportions that it was separated from the Museum taking
the name of the National Gallery of Art with Holmes as Director. This
position he held until his retirement from the service in
1930/1932.

Professor Holmes' bibliography includes 217 publications relating
largely to his scientific activities.

Surviving Professor Holmes, of his immediate family, are Osgood
Holmes, employed in the Municipal Architect's Office, Washington, and
William Heberling Holmes, who is in business in Detroit, Michigan,
residing in Royal Oak, Michigan with his wife and three daughters.
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SECTION II
POSITIONS HELD, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, AND APPOINTMENTS.
TRIPS ABROAD
W. H. HOLMES’
APPOINTMENTS IN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE
1872 - 1930^-2
ALL THAT HAVE BEEN PRESERVED.


2. Appointed Assistant Geologist on the U. S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, by the Secretary of the Interior, Carl Schurz, dated May 1, 1874; salary, $2400. Extended to December 14, 1879.

3. Requested by Dr. F. V. Hayden, former Director of the Survey of the Territories, in a letter dated December 1, 1880, to take charge of the office of the Survey of the Territories, to replace Dr. Elliott Coues; $10,000 available. (See letter herewith)

4. Appointed by Secretary of the Interior Carl Schurz to succeed Dr. Elliott Coues, in charge of the unfinished business of the U. S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, dated December 15, 1880. No salary mentioned; no date set for taking charge, the fact being that I had already taken charge on my return from Europe. Appointment later, dated back to 1880.

5. Appointed by Director Clarence King a temporary Assistant Geologist on the U. S. Geographical Survey, January 1, 1881, at a monthly compensation of $200, to take effect August 1, 1880, the date of my return from Europe. Continued to March 1, 1881.


10. Appointed Head Curator, Department of Anthropology, U. S. National Museum, by S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, June 17, 1897 (acceptance June 22), to take effect July 1, 1897; salary $3500; continued to October 11, 1902.

11. Appointed Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology by S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution (to succeed Major Powell, who died September 26, 1902), October 11, 1902, to take effect October 15, 1902; salary $3500. Continued to December 30, 1909.


15. Appointed non resident Professor of Anthropic Geology in the University of Chicago, 1892.

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NOTE: The U.S. Geological Survey was not organized until the Spring of 1879 under the Act of March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. L. 934), the first Director being Clarence King, appointed April 14, 1879. Previous to that time employees were doubtless put on duty without formal appointment.

It is noted that Mr. Holmes claims service from 1872, and his name appears in the Official Registers for 1875, 1877, and 1879, under "Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories." Should he desire to retire and requires this service to bring him within a certain class of annuity, the Pension Office will have to call upon the General Accounting Office to search the pay rolls and vouchers of Ferdinand V. Hayden, who was Special Disbursing Agent for the Expedition, paid from the appropriation for the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories. He appointed his own help in part.

(Signed) J. W. Atwood, Acting Chief, Division of Appointment, Mails & Files,

Countersigned Sept. 24, 1925,
W. B. Acker, Chief Clerk,
Department of the Interior

*End of Civil Service dated August 20, 1930, Extended 2 years.
Work [?] of final examination, 1930
Result 94 86/100 in due
Possible 96]
Dear Holmes:

You are very kind. You can be more aid than any one else in completing my work. You know we have - # 10.000 [appropriated?], only small portion of which has been used. [underlined in red] I wish you would take possession of the office at the S. I. & do your other work & manage the current business of [conservancy?]. Somebody must do it - if [Pearson?] could be on hand, he might do so with you [strike-through] as counsel [strike-through] to consult with. Think of this & say [trthy?], I shall be in W. [tomorrow?] Please stay at the [?] until late. I will call by then, but do not say anything that I am coming on. The Interior Dept [?] must kind to me personally & do [everything?] I wish. I will see you soon

Once?

F. V. Hayden
Department of the Interior
Washington December 15th 1880
Prof. J. V. Hayden
No. 1910 Arch Street

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., I have to state that the
appointment of Mr. William H. Holmes to succeed Dr. Elliott Coues in the
charge of the unfinished business of the office of U.S. Geological and
Geographical Survey of the Territories, in this city is approved.

Very respectfully,

[Signature] (Carl Schurz)
Secretary
United States Geological Survey
Washington D.C. Jan 1st 1881
William H. Holmes Esq.re of Washington, D.C. is hereby appointed a temporary Assistant Geologist on the U.S. Geological Survey, at a monthly compensation of Two hundred dollars, ($200.), to take effect August 1st 1880.

Clarence King
Director
Department of the Interior, Washington, March 7, 1881

William H. Holmes, of Ohio is hereby appointed an Assistant Geologist in the Office of the Geological Survey at a salary of Twenty Four Hundred dollars per annum, to take effect March 1, 1881.

C. Turner
Secretary.
Office of the Director
197 GR Mar 8, 1881
Washington, DC
March 7, 1881
Secretary of the Interior
Appointment of Wm H Homes as Assistant Geologist on[?] Survey at a salary of $2400.xx per annum from March 1, 1881
Department of the Interior
Washington June 30 1883

William H. Holmes of Ohio is hereby appointed a Geologist in the U. S. Geological Survey at a salary of Twenty-Four Hundred dollars per annum, to take effect July 1, 1883.

Reappointment

Secretary

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Secy of the Interior

Appointment of
Wm H. Holmes of
Ohio as Geologist
at $2400. per annum.
from July 1, 1883
Department of the Interior,
Washington August 14, 1888.

William H. Holmes of Ohio is hereby appointed a Geologist in the Geological Survey at a salary of Twenty-four Hundred dollars per annum to take effect Aug. 10, 1888, or as soon thereafter as he shall file the oath of office, by transfer from same on Permanent Force.

Temporary Force

Secretary

[Signature]

1888-12-2
Department of the Interior,
Washington, July 3, 1889

Mr. William H. Holmes,
Present.

Sir:

Your resignation as a Geologist @ $2400 per annum in the Geological Survey (Temporary Force), tendered in your letter of the 29th ultimo, is hereby accepted to take effect from and after June 30, 1889. Resigned in order to enter the Bureau of Ethnology.

Very respectfully,
Geo. Chandler
Acting Secretary

Took the Bureau oath
July 1, 1889

Through the Director of Geological Survey.
Mr. W. H. Holmes,
Archaeologist,
Bureau of Ethnology.

Sir:-
In carrying on the Archaeological survey of the Potomac and neighboring valleys you are hereby directed to make the necessary journeys and to secure and transport such assistants as are required for the proper conduct of the work under your charge.
Yours, with respect,
(Signed) J. W. Powell,
Director.

A true copy,
(signed) James C. Pilling,
Chief Clerk.
(signed) J. D. Mc C.
April 13, 1897

Dear Sir:

It is proposed to modify somewhat the organization of the National Museum, to take effect Jul 1, 1897. There will be established a Division of Anthropology, which will include all that pertains to man and his works, except in the biotic sense.

I write to offer you the position of Anthropologist in charge of the Division of Anthropology, at a salary of Three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500) per annum. The duties of the position will be to take charge of the division and look after all details connected with it. At the present time, Professor O.T. Mason is Curator of Ethnology, Professor Thomas Wilson is Curator of Pre-Historic Anthropology, Mr. J.E. Watkins is Curator of Technological Collections, and there are several Custodians of various collections which will be placed under the Division of Anthropology.

In view of the arrangements that have been made with Professors Mason and Wilson, and with Mr. Watkins, it is desired that
they shall remain in charge of the special collections now under their care, and that the two former gentlemen shall continue the investigations upon which they are engaged. This, however, is not to interfere with the general scheme for the arrangement of the collections of the Museum that may be agreed upon by the Anthropologist in charge and the officer in charge of the National Museum.

If you accept the position, it is desired that you will enter upon the discharge of its duties on July 1, 1897.

Very respectfully yours, [signature] SP Langley
Secretary.

Professor W.H. Holmes,
5726 Washington Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 23, 1897.

Prof. W. H. Holmes,
5726 Washington Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Holmes:-

Your telegram received yesterday. I saw Mr. Proctor, President of the Civil Service Commission, last evening, and had a long talk with him on the subject. The President's last order was very sweeping, and while it is possible that President McKinley would make exceptions, it is most desirable that they should not be asked unless it is positively necessary. Professor Proctor told me that the Commission had agreed that the examination should be based upon the evidence afforded by the publications and a statement of the positions held.

The place has sought you, not you the place, but it is desirable to conform to the law, and not ask for an exception. If this is not done, it will be necessary for you to write to the Commission, and I would suggest the following:

U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I have been asked to consider the position of Anthropologist, in charge of the Division of Anthropology in the U. S. National Museum. Learning that the position is considered to be within the classified service, I send herewith a statement of the positions I have held, and a list of my publications as evidence to you of my fitness to occupy the position which I have been requested to take.

Very respectfully, etc.
It will not be necessary for you to write this letter at once. It is so near
the first of May now that I think it best to postpone giving notice until the
middle of May or first of June, and come here later in the summer.
Professor Proctor will take the matter up with the Commission today,
and I will write you again early next week.
The Civil Service law has been a great help in many ways and this is the
first instance where we have come in contact with it in a way that bids
fair to be injurious to the scientific interests of Washington. I fully
appreciate that you do not wish to appear to be competing for the
position. If you write such a letter as I have suggested to the
Commission, when the proper time comes it will clearly indicate that
such is not the case.
Truly yours,
Charles Walcott

P.S. I have just returned from an interview with the President of the Civil
Service Commission, and he tells me that rather than not have you
come, they will ask the President to make an exception, and thus waive
the Civil Service examination. On my way back I called to see Professor
Langley, and he has suggested that we have an arrangement made by
which scientific employees can be taken into the Smithsonian Institution,
and subsequently transferred to the Museum. I will bring this up before
the Commission on Monday.
In consideration of the position of the Commission and Professor
Langley, I think you need not give yourself any concern regarding a
public competitive examination. In fact, under the scheme outlined in the
first part of my letter, no person would know, outside of the committee
appointed to pass upon the efficiency as shown by the publications and
positions held, that you or any other individual had made application for
examination, as the matter is entirely confidential.
C.D.W.
Smithsonian Institution

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY, S. P. LANGLEY.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17, 1897.

Dear Sir,

Your name has been certified to me from the Civil Service Commission
as eligible to appointment to the office of Head Curator of the Division of
Anthropology in the United States National Museum, and I have great
pleasure in informing you of your appointment to the position. I will ask
that you enter upon your duties as soon as practicable in the coming
fiscal year.

Your compensation has been fixed at the rate of $3500.00 per annum,
to commence as soon as you shall assume the obligation of office.
You will please report to Professor Charles D.
Dr. W. H. H. -2-
Walcott, Acting Assistant Secretary, in charge of the Museum.
Yours very respectfully,
[[written signature]]
Secretary.
Doctor William H. Holmes,
Field Columbian Museum,
Chicago, Illinois

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My dear Holmes:-

I think you are way off on your surmises in relation to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey. There are quite a number of men who feel very sore, and little articles of that kind have appeared from time to time during the past three years.

As the Museum will be very much torn up during the summer in connection with the construction of the galleries in the courts and halls, I have arranged for a temporary office for you in the Smithsonian building.

Everything is going along very quietly here. Your appointment was approved by the Secretary, and I presume this you have received official notice from him. Will you not let me know when we can expect you here? If you choose to give notice June 30th so as to report here October 1st, it will answer all purposes.

I shall probably leave here about the first of August, and return in October.

Truly yours,
[written signature] Charles Walcott
Groton, Conn., July 2, 1897.

Prof. W. H. Holmes,
5726 Washington Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Holmes:-

Yours of June 30th received. Under the circumstances I do not know but that it would be well for you to plan to reach Washington October 1st. I may or may not be there, but that will make little difference, as it will take you some time to get settled and ready for work. You can first take up the plans for rearranging the collections in the new galleries.

I have personally no objection to your lapping over accounts, as you call it. You can do this by obtaining leave for October at Chicago.

Yours very truly,

[written signature]
Washington City, January 17th, 1899

Dear Sir:-

It gives me pleasure to forward herewith Medal and Diploma awarded you for valuable services rendered to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, which have just been received from the Exposition Management at Omaha.

Yours very respectfully,

W V Cox
Secretary

Prof. W. H. Holmes, Head Curator
Department of Anthropology,
U.S. National Museum.
October 11, 1902

Sir:
You are hereby designated to represent the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in organizing and directing the work of the Bureau of American Ethnology, with the title of Chief of the Bureau, to take effect on October 15th, at a salary of Four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500.00) per annum.

I shall be pleased to confer with you at an early date regarding the future conduct of the Bureau.

Very respectfully yours,

S. C. Langley
Secretary.

Mr. W.H. Holmes,
Smithsonian Institution,
Head Curator of Anthropology,
U.S. National Museum.
December 30, 1909

Sir:
Understanding that it is your desire to be relieved of your present duties in connection with the Bureau of American Ethnology and to again take up Museum work, you are hereby transferred from the position of Chief, Bureau of American Ethnology, to that of Head Curator of the Department of Anthropology, United States National Museum, at a compensation of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($3500.00) per annum; this transfer to take effect on January 1, 1910.

Very respectfully yours,

[handwritten signature]
Charles Walcott
Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Holmes
Chief, Bureau of American Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution.
TRIPS ABROAD

1879-80  Europe - England, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. Studied art, archaeology, etc.  *

1884  The Chain Photographic Expedition in Mexico, W. H. Jackson and W. H. Holmes being guests.  *


1899  Mexico - Monterey, Tampico, Orizaba, Cordoba, Vera Cruz and Mexico City. With Major Dutton, Gilbert and Blake, guest of President Breckenridge of the Mexican Central Railway.

1900  Cuba with Major Powell on geology and archaeology. February and March. *

1900  Jamaica with Professor Langley studying the flight of the buzzard, seeking to learn the secrets of flight. *


1908-09  Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Panama, represented the Smithsonian Institution and George Washington University at the Pan American Congress, Santiago, Chile. *

1909  Europe - England as a side-trip on the voyage to South America.

1909  British Columbia, visit to the Victoria Museum.

For accounts of these expeditions refer to the Annual Reports of the Survey of the Territories, The Smithsonian Institution, The Bureau of Ethnology and the National Museum, for the years mentioned.
THE NATIONAL
AMERICAN INDIAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
extends a cordial invitation to
Honorable W. H. Holmes
to participate with
The President of the United States
Members of the Cabinet
and other distinguished guests
in the ceremonies attending the official inauguration of the work in
connection with the erection of the
National American Indian Memorial
at Fort Wadsworth, in the Harbor of New York

Authorized under an act by the Sixty-second Congress and approved by
President Taft on the eighth of December, One thousand, nine hundred
and eleven and under the provisions of said act - The site at Fort
Wadsworth was approved by the Honorable George Von Lengerke
Meyer, Secretary of the Navy and by the Honorable Henry Lewis
Stimson, Secretary of War on the twenty-sixth of June, One thousand,
nine hundred and twelve
November 6, 1915.
Doctor William H. Holmes
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
The Department has issued a certificate of appointment designating you
to be a Delegate on the part of the United States to the Second Pan-
American Scientific Congress to be held at Washington December 27,
1915 to January 8, 1916. The certificate is transmitted herewith.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,
For the Secretary of State:

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William Phillips
[[handwritten signature]]
Third Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:
As above.
VOLUME I
SECTION III  THE LOUBAT PRIZES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

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W. H. HOLMES

PRIZES - MEDALS

1895-1923

PRIZES

First Loubat Prize $1000 - 1895


Judges: D. G. Brinton, H. T. Peck and W. J. McGee

Second Loubat Prize $400 - 1918-23

See Bulletin 60, Bureau of American Ethnology.

^[[handwritten: various diplomas]]
THE LOUBAT PRIZES, 1894 and 1917.

My researches during the years 1889-94, and in part during preceding and succeeding years were of much interest to students of American Archeology and of very special moment in the story of the former Indian tribes of the Potomac Valley. They were reported somewhat fully in the publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology for these years as well as in reports of other branches of the Smithsonian Institution and in the Scientific Journals of the period. The investigation in Piney Branch Valley, well within the city limits of Washington, led to a correct understanding of the very extensive deposits of chipped stone objects previously attributed, on account of their rude shape, to a very early period and to a Paleolithic (Early Stone) Culture. It was on account of these investigations that I won the Loubat prize of $1,000 awarded for the most important publication (Stone Implements of the Potomac Tidewater Province 13th Annual Report, B.A.E., 1893-94 pages 13-152) within the field of American Archeology during the five year period ending in 1898, and during which I also took an important part in the preparation of exhibits for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was the latter work that led in 1884 to my appointment to the Curatorship of Anthropology in the Field Columbian Museum in Chicago.

A second prize of $400 was awarded me for the most important work in the same field for the five year period ending April 1, 1917. The publication is Bulletin 60, Part 1, of the Bureau of American Ethnology.
after the award, in the Library of Columbia College. The recipient of a prize shall present five copies of the prize work to Columbia College, which copies shall be distributed in accordance with the conditions prescribed in Mr. Loubat's deed of gift; and all subsequent editions of the work shall bear upon the title-page the words:
"Loubat Prize, Columbia College in the City of New York,"
with the date at which the prize was conferred.
SETH LOW, LL.D., President.

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Columbia College
in the City of New York
LOUBAT PRIZE

REGULATIONS FOR 1893.

I. Two prizes, a first of one thousand dollars, and a second of four hundred dollars, the gift of Mr. Joseph F. Loubat, shall be awarded in December, 1893, to the authors of the best works published in the English language upon the history, geography, archaeology, ethnology, philology, or numismatics of North America. The competition for these prizes shall be open to all persons, whether connected with Columbia College or not, and whether citizens of the United States or of any other country.

II. The conditions of competition are:
(a) That the work fall within the above list of subjects.
(b) That it be written by one person.
(c) That it embody the results of original research and constitute a distinct contribution to science.
(d) That it shall have been published not earlier than 1888, and not later than April 30, 1893. But works consisting, or to consist, of a series of volumes, shall be admitted to competition if any volume shall have been published within the period named.

III. To insure consideration of their works, authors are invited to send three copies of each work to the President of Columbia College, not later than June 1, 1893; but the award shall not be limited to works so submitted. Copies...
of works submitted shall be placed, after the award, in the Library of 
Columbia College.

IV. Neither of the prizes shall be divided.

V. The recipient of a prize shall present five copies of his work to 
Columbia College, which copies shall be distributed in accordance with 
the conditions prescribed in Mr. Loubat's deed of gift. Every subsequent 
edition of a prize work shall contain, upon the title-page, the words, 
"Loubat Prize, 
Columbia College in the City of New York, 1893."

VI. The Committee of Award, to consist of three members, shall be 
appointed, not later than February 1, 1893, by a committee composed of 
the President of Columbia College and the Deans of the Faculties of 
Political Science and Philosophy.

LOUBAT PRIZE.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

I. Two prizes, viz., a first prize of not less than one thousand, and a 
second prize of not less than four hundred dollars, to be known as the 
Loubat Prizes, shall be awarded in the year 1898, and in every fifth year 
thereafter, to the authors of the best works on the history, geography, 
archaeology, ethnology, philology, or numismatics of North America. 
The competition for these prizes shall be open to all persons, whether 
connected with Columbia College or not, and whether citizens of the 
United States or of any other country.

II. For the purpose of the award the subjects above named shall be 
divided into two groups, in which the award shall be made alternately, 
viz.:
(a) History, geography, and numismatics;
(b) Archaeology, ethnology, and philology.

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pages and reads as follows]

[Image: seal of Columbia University] Columbia University 
in the City of New York

LOUBAT PRIZES
Next award 1923.

Two prizes known as the Loubat Prizes of the value respectively of 
$1000 and $400 are awarded at Commencement at the close of every 
quinquennial period, dating from July 1, 1898, for the best work printed 
and published in the English language on the History, Geography, 
Archaeology, Ethnology, Philology, or Numismatics of North America. 
The competition for such prizes is open to all persons, whether 
connected with Columbia University or not, and whether citizens of the 
United States of America or any other country.

In accordance with the terms of the deed of gift, the successful 
competitors are bound to furnish, free of charge to the University, five 
copies of the works for which the prizes are awarded.

The jury of award for the current period is as follows:
WILLIAM MILLIGAN SLOANE, Seth Low Professor of History in
Columbia University Chairman.
ALFRED L. Kroeber, Professor of Anthropology and Curator of the
Anthropological Museum in the University of California.
ST. GEORGE LEAKIN SIOUSSAT, Professor of American History in
the University of Pennsylvania.
Communications in regard to the Loubat Prizes should be addressed
and works submitted in competition should be sent to the Secretary of
Columbia University, New York City.
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LOUBAT PRIZES
1898
Columbia University
in the City of New York
LOUBAT QUINQUENNIAL PRIZES FOR 1898
The Hon. SETH LOW, LL.D.,
President of Columbia University.

SIR: The undersigned, a Committee appointed in 1895 to examine and
report upon the various monographs submitted in competition for the
Loubat Prizes to be awarded in 1898 beg leave to report that they have
carefully considered the different works received, and have also, in
accordance with the rules governing the competition, examined such
other works relating to American Archaeology as have been published in
the English language during the three years ending with the first day of
April, 1898. In their consideration of these monographs the Committee
have taken into account not only the scientific value of the work but also
the importance of the subjects treated, the methods of investigation
pursued by the authors, and the artistic and literary excellence of the
presentation.

The monographs that were formally submitted for examination were the
productions of eight different authors. Of these the Committee have
selected, as being the most meritorious and as most fully complying with
the conditions prescribed for the competition, the treatise offered by Mr.
William Henry Holmes, Curator of the Department of Anthropology in the
National Museum at Washington. The title of this treatise is, Stone
Implements of the Potomac-Chesapeake Tide-Water Provinces.

This volume may be held to mark an epoch in American archaeological
research, by interpreting the remarkably abundant artifacts of a typical
region in the light of precious studies of actual aboriginal handiwork, and
thus establishing a basis for the classification of the stone art of the
entire Western Hemisphere. It is the result of many years of personal
study, numerous experiments, and close typological analysis, and is
supplied with a wealth of illustrative material that gives it most
exceptional interest and value. The Committee, therefore, recommend
that the first prize of $1,000 be awarded to Mr. William Henry Holmes.

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Societies of the Kwakiutl Indians, by Dr. Franz Boas of the Metropolitan
Museum of Natural History of New York City, is a remarkably complete
descriptive and analytic treatise setting forth the characteristics of a well-
III. The conditions of competition shall be:
(a) That the work fall within the group of subjects designated for the current quinquennial period.
(b) That it be written by one person.
(c) That it embody the results of original research.
(d) That it be published in the English language.
IV. Neither of the prizes shall be divided.
V. A Committee of Award, consisting of three members, shall be appointed, not later than January, 1894, and at the beginning of each succeeding quinquennial period. It shall be appointed, and any vacancy occurring therein shall be filled, by a Committee composed of the President of Columbia College and the Deans of the Faculties of Political Science and Philosophy. The Committee of Award shall determine and announce, within two months after its appointment, what further conditions, not inconsistent with the purpose of the endowment, shall be established for the current quinquennial period. In particular, this Committee may recommend one or more special topics of investigation and limit the awards, primarily, to works upon such topic or topics. It shall also determine and announce whether works shall be submitted in competition, and if so, in what manner and at what date.
VI. The Committee shall report to the President of Columbia College not later than May 1st of the year designated for the award. If special topics of investigation shall have been recommended and no work upon these topics shall appear worthy of a prize the Committee shall have power to confer the prizes upon the authors of the most meritorious works falling within the provision above laid down in Paragraph III., and published within the preceding ten years. If but a single work upon a suggested topic shall appear worthy of a prize, the Committee shall have power to award the second prize on the broader basis of competition above indicated. If no works, or but a single work, be found worthy of an award, both or either of the prizes may be withheld.
VII. All works submitted in competition shall be placed,
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the standards of ethnological work. Its information is derived from
personal research conducted on the very best scientific principles and
dealing with a wealth of carefully collected material. Your Committee,
therefore, recommend that the second prize of $400 be awarded to Dr.
Franz Boas.

Of the remaining authors represented in the competition, the
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who presented a treatise entitled, "Objective Symbolism of the
Huichel Indians;" Mr. Frank H. Cushing, who offered a
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Central America. This work was not submitted by its author in the
competition, and it has not yet been completed in publication; but its
great merit is such as to demand some especial mention on the part of
this Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H.T. PECK
D.G. BRINTON,
W.J. McGee.

May 21st, 1898
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee: H. T. PECK, Chairman,
D. G. BRINTON,
W. J. McGEE

May 21, 1898.
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith a copy of the report of the Committee of Award on the Loubat Prizes for the quinquennial period ending in June, 1898, from which you will perceive that the first prize has been awarded to you for your treatise entitled "Stone Implements of the Potomac-Chesapeake Tide Water Provinces."

As your treatise was formally submitted to the Committee for examination, I presume I may take it for granted that you are prepared to comply with the conditions attached to the acceptance of the prize, expressed in Regulation No. 7 of the Regulations governing the award herewith enclosed. Upon receiving from you such an assurance, I shall be glad to ask the Treasurer of the University to transmit to you his check for $1000.

I trust you will permit me to express my personal congratulations upon your success in this competition. No effort is spared by the University to make it sure that a book so crowned is worthy of the high distinction conferred upon it.

Respectfully,

[[Seth Low,]] President.

Dr. William Henry Holmes, Curator of the Department of Anthropology, National Museum, Washington, D. C.
June 28th, 1898

President Seth Low,
Columbia University, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June twenty-seventh announcing the result of the Loubat Competition. It affords me great satisfaction to learn that my work of the past few years has the seal of approval from so high a source as the committee named; and it is especially gratifying to have the award come through your great Institution and from a patron of anthropologic science without a peer in the history of the country.

I shall be glad to comply with the requirements of regulation No. 7 and will forward five copies of the work as soon as they are returned from the bindery.

Thanking you for your part in this matter and for your words of commendation,

I am,

Very sincerely yours

[W. H. Holmes]
Hôtel Grande Bretagne
Propr. E. Lampsa
Athènes le [preprinted] April 12 1899
Adresse télégraphique.
BRITANIA-ATHÈNES [preprinted]

Dear Mr Rockhill
May I ask the favor of your writing to Professor Holmes and asking him if he would be willing to make a thorough exploration of Palenque, similar to that of Schliemann at Troy in Greece. Would you please ask him to write to me at #7 rue Dumont Durville, Paris.
letting us know how many winters he would require to do the work thoroughly — what his plans would be, and how much money he would require annually.

Should Mr Holmes and I come to an understanding, I would submit it, for approval to Mr Jesup, president of the American Museum of Natural History of the City of New York and deposit, each year, the money required with the A. M. of N. H. which has an arrangement with Mexico by which it can make explorations and take away duplicates (if found) of different
objects and make casts of the others
Yours sincerely
[[J T ?]] Loubat
[[insertion in another's handwriting]] Loubat [[insertion]]
Will you give me the pleasure of your company at dinner either today or tomorrow at 7 1/2 PM
We leave the [[Piraeus?]] on Friday by Italian steamer for Corfieu and Brindini.
[[J: TL?]]
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Hotel Grande Bretagne,  
Athens, April 12, 1899.

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Yours sincerely,
/s/ LOUBAT

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MR. HOLMES’ HONORS.
Washington Scientist Receives an Important Prize.

The award of the Le Ducky de Loubat prizes, founded with Columbia College of New York, to be awarded once in five years, for the most noteworthy works on American anthropology, has been made, and the first grand prize of $1,000 was captured by Mr. William Henry Holmes of Washington, Head curator of anthropology at the United States National Museum, and formerly curator of the Department of ethnology in the Field Columbian Museum at Chicago. Le Duc de Loubat is American born, of French descent, inheriting his title from his father. He is immensely wealthy, and is a cosmopolitan, spending a greater portion of his time, however, in New York city. He recently gave $1,000,000 to Columbia College in that city, aside from founding the prizes for anthropological works. The award of these prizes is the first that has been made, and the importance of the works submitted in competition cannot be over-estimated. Judges are appointed for each five-year period. The committee of judges which has just completed its services was composed of Professor H. T. Peck of Columbia College, Dr. Daniel G. Brinton and Professor W. J. McGee of the bureau of ethnology in this city.

Besides carefully scanning the works received in competition, the committee also examined such other works relating to American archaeology as have been published in the English language during the last three years. In the consideration of the monographs the committee took into account not only

[[a second prize of 400.00 was awarded 1923]]

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"This volume may be held to mark an epoch in American archaeological
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and value."
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Honorable mention

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This is grand
O. T. Mason
His X mark
Done on his sick bed

Indorsement of Professor Mason, Curator of Ethnology U S. National Museum
Saturday at 12:30PM sharp
an answer will oblige
Yours sincerely

J. T. Loubat

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June 26, 1898

My dear Professor:

The skull stand I sent you the other day is the old Putnam stand in general use in this country it is supplied by Ward - I have [200?] or 400 I could sell you as I shall use a different method of exhibiting skulls. I enclose design for base.

The Thompson mss & drawings were duly received - have you yet sent the pamphlets &c.?

My very very best congratulations on your $1000. prize - a graceful compliment to and [underline][recognition][underline] of Americas greatest [underline][anthropologist. Again [underline] I am proud of you.

Going to Boston A.A.A.S.?
This is now our "heated term" and its too hot to write

Faithfully yours
Geo. A. Dorsey
Shall be in Washington by the middle of next month. My address is Department of State. Wash.
April 12, 1899
American Legation
Athens.

Dear Professor Holmes,

I enclose a letter from the Duke de Loubat which explains itself. You know how much the writer has already done for American archaeology and how deeply interested he is in it. I have stated to Loubat that possibly there might be some difficulty about your undertaking such work - supposing you were, as we hope, willing to do so, unless the Smithsonian was interested in it - nominally at all events. He has no objection whatever to any arrangement you may suggest so that the work he is anxious to see done is done and done as we think you alone can do it.

I sincerely hope that your other engagements will not prevent you undertaking this work, which cannot fail to prove of the highest interest to American archaeology.

Very sincerely yours

W.W. Rockhill

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Thursday, September 15-1904

dear Mr Holmes

May I have the pleasure of your company at dinner on Thursday next, the 22d at 7 1/2 PM sharp?
May I also have the pleasure of your company at breakfast on day after tomorrow Saturday, at 12.30 PM sharp.

an answer will oblige

Yours sincerely

J. T. Loubat

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For the best American biography teaching patriotic and unselfish services to the people, illustrated by an eminent example, excluding, as too obvious, the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, $1,000.
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by BURTON J. HENDRICK
[Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday, Page & Company, 1922]
For the best volume of verse published during the year by an American author, $1,000.
Awarded to
The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver
[New York: Frank Shay, 1922]
Eight Sonnets in American Poetry, A Miscellany
[New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1922]
By EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY

LOUBAT PRIZES
Awarded every five years for the best original works dealing with North America at any period preceding the Declaration of Independence. First prize, $1,000. Second prize, $400.
First prize awarded to
The War with Mexico
By JUSTIN HARVEY SMITH
Second prize awarded to
Handbook of Aboriginal American Antiquities
By WILLIAM HENRY HOLMES
[Bulletin No. 60 of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution]

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEDAL
The Alumni Association of the School of Architecture offers an annual medal for proficiency in advanced design.
LOUIS EDGAR ALBRIGHT, 1923, of Columbus, O.
Columbia University Annual Commencement

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS MEDAL

The American Institute of Architects offers an annual medal to that student of the School of Architecture who has during his course maintained the best general standard in all departments of his work.

Frederick James Woodbridge, 1923, of New York City

MCKIM FELLOWSHIP IN ARCHITECTURE

Founded by Mr. Charles F. McKim, in 1891; value $2000; open for competition every two years to graduates of the School of Architecture under thirty years of age. The winner must devote at least two years to study and travel in Europe; ten months in each year must be spent in study in the American School of Architecture at Rome.

Perry Coke Smith, 1923, of Norfolk, Va.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

ALUMNI PRIZE

Given annually by the Alumni Association of the College to the most faithful and deserving student of the graduating class; value $50.

Franklin Vincent Brodil, 1923, of New York City

EDWARD SUTLIFF BRAINARD MEMORIAL PRIZE

Annual income of a fund of $1,200, gift of Miss Phoebe T. Sutliff, in memory of her nephew, Edward Sutliff Brainard, of the Class of 1921, to be awarded to the student in the graduating class of Columbia College who is adjudged by his classmates as most worthy of distinction on the ground of his qualities of mind and character.

George Medigovich, 1923, of Bisbee, Ariz.

CHANLER HISTORICAL PRIZES

Bequeathed by J. Winthrop Chanler, A.B., 1847, and supplemented by gift so as to provide three prizes of $500, $100 and $50 respectively, for


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June 21, 1923

Mr. William Henry Holmes
1454 Belmont Street
Washington, D.C.

Mr. dear Mr. Holmes:
I take very great pleasure in enclosing herewith the University's check for $400., representing the amount of the Loubat Prize awarded to you at Commencement.
Enclosed you will find a brief description of the Loubat Prize, and under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Commencement Program containing the announcement of the award.
With hearty congratulations, I am,
Very truly yours,

[Check signed by Chas. S. Davidson on Corn Exchange Bank University Branch.]

[Signature: Franklin Diehl Fachenthal]
Secretary

[Signature: Franklin Diehl Fachenthal]
June 25, 1923.

Dear Sir:

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of June 21, containing the check for $400 on the Exchange Bank, University Branch, signed by Chas. S. Davidson, representing the amount of the Loubat Prize awarded me at the University Commencement.

I regret that during the very extensive changes made in my connection here, and the consequent changes in filing, I have lost track of the correspondence relating to the Loubat Prizes and am not now able to say whether I have furnished five copies of the work required. I am not now even certain of the title of that work. Doubtless the Commencement Program, which has failed to reach me, contains the necessary data. I beg, therefore, that at your convenience a copy of this Program is sent me.

Sincerely yours,

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Director.

Mr. Frank D. Fachenthal,
Secretary, Columbia University,
New York, New York.
June 26, 1923.
My dear Sir:
My apologies are due you. The Commencement report did arrive, and if the full copies of my paper were forwarded as they should have been you need not consider the matter further.
I am greatly flattered by the award, and would be glad to have the Committee appreciate this.
Sincerely yours,
Director.
Mr. Frank D. Fachenthal,
Secretary, Columbia University,
New York, New York.
Although the Art Editor of "Art and Archeology" is probably best known to readers of this journal as an artist and as Director of the National Gallery, we are reminded of his enviable place in the field of American Archeology by the recent award to him by Columbia University of New York, of the De Loubat Prize for the most important work in the field of American Archeology for the quinquennial period ending with 1923. This work is the first volume of the "Handbook of Aboriginal American Archeology" published by the Bureau of American Archeology of the Smithsonian Institution. A previous De Loubat award of $1,000 was accorded to him for his work on the "Archeology of the Tidewater Province," which embraced as its most important feature, an elaborate study of the extensive work done by the Indians within the area now occupied by the City of Washington. Today the great oaks on the slopes of Piney Branch, within gunshot of the Fourteenth street Bridge, grow in beds of the refuse of Indian stone implement making, several feet in depth. A score of generations ago groups of the noble red men might have been seen at work on this site, as is graphically shown in one of the lay figure groups of the National Museum.

*[[Art and archeology* Dr. Carroll.]] [end penciled scripture]*

July 12, 1923.

THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME
GREETING
BE IT KNOWN THAT
William Henry Holmes
HAS BEEN AWARDED
The Second Loubat Prize for the Handbook of Aboriginal American
Antiquities Published as a Bulletin of the Smithsonian Institution
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES OF
THE UNIVERSITY GOVERNING SUCH AWARD
IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE HAVE CAUSED THIS DIPLOMA TO BE
SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND OUR
CORPORATE SEAL TO BE HERETO AFFIXED IN THE CITY OF NEW
YORK ON THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THREE

[Seal of Columbia University]

Nicholas Murray Butler
PRESIDENT

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The Second Loubat prize
for Bulletin [[underlined]] 60 B, [[underlined]] A. E.
June 6th 1923 - $400.00
Through Columbia University N.Y.
Section IV Honorary Appointments, Memberships and Awards.
W. H. HOLMES

HONORS CONFERRED OR ACHIEVED - SCIENTIFIC

Appointments to Pan American Congresses (see envelope devoted to these Congresses)

Honorary Fellow The Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. January 12, 1897.

Member of Committee on Medals and Badges, Dewey Reception. August 5, 1899.

Corresponding Member American Institute of Architects. November 13, 1899.

Member American Philosophical Society. December 15, 1899.

Corresponding Member New York Academy of Sciences. March 2, 1900.

Member Anthropologic and Geographic Society of Stockholm, Sweden. March 30, 1903.

Commissioner of the United States on the International Commission of Ethnology and Archeology for the American Republics. April 15, 1903.

Member Berlin Society of Anthropology, Ethnology and History. June 20, 1903.

Delegate of the National Geographic Society at the Congress of Americanists, Stuttgard, Germany. 1904.

Honorary Member, Davenport Academy of Sciences. Jan. 29, 1904.

Member of the International American Archeological Commission Appointed by the Department of State. October 1904.

Member National Academy of Sciences. April 20, 1905.

Honorary Member University of La Plata, Argentina Republic. July 19, 1907.

Corresponding Member Colombia (Bogota) National Academy of History. April 1, 1916.

Doctor of Science, George Washington University. April 8, 1918. *(Conferred June 5, 1918)*

Life Member, National Geographic Society. December 19, 1919.

Honorary Member The American Institute of Architects. May 10, 1926.
BRONZES, MEDALS, DIPLOMAS, MEMBERSHIPS, HONORARY APPOINTMENTS ETC., FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTY YEARS.


2. Corresponding member, Anthropological and Geographical Society of Stockholm, March 30, 1903.

3. Member of the Die Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, June 29, 1903.


8. Honorary Member de la Academies del National University of La Plata, Argentina, 1907.


12. Corresponding member of the Academia Nacional de Historia, Republica de Colombia, 1916.

MEDALS
2. Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, Omaha, 1898.
3. The bronze in this medal was captured by Admiral Dewey at Manila, May 1, 1898. Washington City, Oct. 1899.
4. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States. Tribute to the author of the Declaration of Independence, 1776-1903 “We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”
8. Inauguration Medal, Theodore Roosevelt, inaugurated President of the United States March 4, 1905.
9. Commemorative Medal issued by the Secretary of Public Education of the first Centennial of the Foundation of the National Museum of Archaeology, History and Ethnology, Mexico, 1825-1925.
BADGES

1. Judge, Columbian Exhibition 1893. Also a rolled five cent piece with inscription “Columbian Exposition 1893”

2. Two souvenir badges - Admiral Dewey Reception Committee, Washington, October, 1899.


4. Jury of Awards, official button, Pan-American Exposition, 1901, Buffalo, N.Y.


7. 70th anniversary of the Rock Island, 1852-1922. First bridge Mississippi River, Rock Island Lines, 70 years of service.
HOPEDALE AB. 1889

Hopedale Ohio. June 27/89

Mr. William Holmes
Washington D.C.
Dear sir:-
The Board of Trustees of Hopedale Normal College conferred upon you, with unanimity, the degree [underlined] A.B. [underlined]
I hope this will be as acceptable to you as it was willingly given.
I have kept a watch upon the graduates of H. Nor. Col; and as it seemed to me that your success, made you worthy

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of the honor conferred, I presented you before the Board with the success above mentioned.
The diploma for your degree is a regular classical diploma. The text is in Latin.
The Board expects from all who are honored a fee of five dollars, as a matter of courtesy; upon receipt of which the Clerk of the Board Samuel Paul will forward the diploma by mail; and which gives validity to the honor conferred.
yours truly,
J. M Jamieson
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Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.

DIPLOMA OF HONORARY FELLOW.

The Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland at a Meeting held 12th of January 1897 elected Professor W.H. Holmes of Chicago an Honorary Fellow in virtue of which the present Diploma is delivered

London, January 12th 1897

Ormonde M. Dalton SECRETARY.
Edward W. Brabook PRESIDENT.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTE OF COUNCIL.
That the number of Honorary Fellows elected in each year shall not exceed three.
American Philosophical Society, Independence Square, Philadelphia, December 15th 1899

Sir,

I have the honour of informing you, that you have been this day Elected a Member of the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia, for promoting useful knowledge.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Fredk Prime, Secretary.

Prof. William H. Holmes.
The American Institute of Architects.

The Octagon,
Washington, D.C., [November 25, 1899.]

The President and the Board of Directors desire me to announce your election as a Corresponding Member of The American Institute of Architects on the 13th day of November in the year 1899.

Yours very respectfully,

Glenn Brown,
Secretary, A. I. A.

To Mr. W.H. Holmes,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.
COMMITTEE ON MEDALS AND BADGES
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DR. L.B. SWORMSTEDT.
MR. S.W. TULLOCH.
MR. A.H. VAN DEUSEN.
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The Admiral Dewey Reception Committee,
Rooms 23 and 24,
Ames Building, 1410 G Street

WILLIAM HENDERSON MOSES, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM VAN ZANDT COX, VICE-CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM P. VAN WICKLE, SECRETARY
JOHN W. BABSON, TREASURER

Washington City, August 24, 189[9?]

Dear Sir:–
The Executive Committee of the Admiral Dewey Reception Committee takes pleasure in announcing that the recommendation of its Committee on Medals has been approved, and that a Commemorative Medal of great beauty and historic interest will be struck from metal obtained from a bronze torpedo captured by Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898.

As the quantity of metal available is limited, only a comparatively small number of medals can be furnished, and therefore all members of the Committee are asked to send immediately to Hon. Simon Wolf, Chairman of the Committee on Medals and Badges, a request for a medal.

The request should be accompanied by a check for one dollar, the price fixed by the Committee to cover the cost of production.

Members of the committees desiring more than one medal will please state in their request the additional number desired and enclose a check for the proper amount of money for the same, as after supplying single medals to each committee man any surplus will be disposed of to the first applicants.

The right is reserved to limit the number of medals to be furnished to any one person. All orders must be in the hands of Chairman Wolf on or before September 10, 1899.

Yours very respectfully,

[signature]WV Cox[signature]
[underline]Acting[/underline] Chairman

[signature]WP Van Wickle[signature],
Secretary.
August 5, 1899

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to notify you of your appointment as a member of the Committee on Medals and Badges, of which Mr. Simon Wolf is Chairman, and would respectfully request that you will consent to serve.

Yours very truly,

WP Van Wickle,
Secretary.

Prof. W.H. Holmes,
1444 Stoughton, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
OFFICE OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY,
Teachers College, 120th St. West, New York City.

March 2, 1900.

My dear Sir:-
I take pleasure in sending you herewith an official notification of your recent election to the New York Academy of Sciences as a Corresponding Member.
If you will let me know at your early convenience, the Academy will send you, if you desire, a copy of its regular publication, the Annals, which appears about three times a year. This is sent to all Honorary and Corresponding Members, when they signify a desire to receive it.
Most truly yours,

Richard E. Dodge
Recording Secretary.

Professor William Henry Holmes,
United States National Museum.
This is to certify that William Henry Holmes, of Washington, has been elected a Corresponding Member of The New York Academy of Sciences, at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of February 1900.

[Signature]

Henry Fairfield Osborn
President.

[Signature]

Richard E. Dodge
Recording Secretary.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 8, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Holmes,
1454 Belmont Street,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:
The Board of Trustees of the George Washington University have voted to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science at the next annual Commencement, Wednesday evening, June 5th.
It will give me much pleasure to learn from you that you will be present upon this occasion to receive this degree.

Very truly yours,
[[signature]]CH Stockton[[/signature]]
President.

^[[Accepted April 9th]]
THE COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Washington, D.C. *[[May 20]] 19*[[02]]

*[[W.H. Holmes, Esq.  
Head Curator, Department of Anthropology  
U.S. National Museum.]]*

Sir:  
The rules of the Columbian University require that candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall offer themselves for advanced study in three topics—one major and two collateral minor subjects; shall sustain satisfactory examinations upon the three subjects which they may have selected; shall present a thesis embodying the results of original research in their major subject, and shall be prepared to defend such thesis before a board of experts.

In conformity with this regulation the President of the Columbian University and the Faculty of the School of Graduate Studies respectfully request that you will do them the honor to serve as a member of the Board of Experts selected to meet in the Hall of the University on the *[[twenty sixth]] day of *[[May]] 19*[[02]]. at 10 A.M., for the discussion of a thesis to be submitted by *[[Rev. Frank Leighton Day, M.A.,B.S.]]* a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The subject of his thesis is *[[Did the Semites pass through a Totem Stage]]*

Trust that you may be able to oblige us by kindly consenting to accept this invitation, and soliciting a reply at such early date as may be convenient to you.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[[Charles E. Munroe]]*

Dean.
DIE BERLINER GESELLSCHAFT
FOR
ANTHROPOLOGIE, ETHNOLOGIE UND URGESCHICHTE
GEGRUNDET 1869

bekundet hierdurch, dass sie in ihrer Sitzung
vom 20 ten Juni, 1903

HERRN WILLIAM H. HOLMES, WASHINGTON
ZUM CORRESPONDIERENDEN MITGLIEDE ERWAHLT HAT
BERLIN

\textsuperscript{*}[[Member Berlin Society of Anthropology, Ethnology & Ancient History]]
SVENSKA SALLSKAPET
FOR
ANTROPOLOGI OCH GEOGRAFI

STOCKHOLM
KALLAR HARMED

PROFESSOR W. H. HOLMES
TILL SIN
KORRESPONDERANDE LEDAMOT

STOCKHOLM DEN 30 MARS 1903

^[[Member Anthropology & Geographic Society of Stockholm. March 30 1903]]
We hold these truths to be self evident; That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. —Declaration of Independence.

This is to certify that "[W. H. Holmes] has contributed to the erection of a Memorial to the Author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson at the National Capital.

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and attached the seal of Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States at the City of Washington, D. C. this "[6] day of "[July] 19"[03].

SECRETARY.

[George Dewey]
Admiral of the Navy, PRESIDENT.

A.B.GRAHAM PHOTO.LITH WASH.D.C.
REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE LA PLATA

MUSEO

FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS NATURALES

EL PRESIDENTE DE LA UNIVERSIDAD Y EL DIRECTOR DEL MUSEO

POR CUANTO: El Señor Profesor WILLIAM H. HOLMES ha sido elegido por el Consejo Académico del Museo, en su sesión del día 19 de Julio de 1907 para el grado de Académico Honorario de dicho Instituto en la Sección de Ciencias Naturales

POR TANTO: en ejercicio de las atribuciones que nos confiere el Inciso 30 del Artículo 40 de los Estatutos, le expedimos el título de Académico honorario de Museo.

LA PLATA, JULIO de 1907
The National Geographic Society

Through the Board of Managers at a meeting held in Washington District of Columbia in the United States of America on the nineteenth day of December 1919 has elected Dr. William H. Holmes of Washington, D.C. a James M. Smith life member

In Witness Whereof, this certificate has been signed and presented

[[OP?]] Austin Secretary.

National Geographic Society
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

June 24, 1904.

The National Geographic Society of the United States begs to present to the Congress of Americanists meeting at Stuttgart, Germany: Doctor William H. Holmes of Washington, D.C., as its delegate, and authorizes him to represent this Society in the deliberations of the Congress.

[[signature]]Henry Gannett[[signature]] Acting President.

[[signature]]O.P. Austin.[[signature]] Secretary.

^[[Delegate of the U.S. to the [??the] Congress of Americanists, Stuttgart, 1904]]
October 29, 1904.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I have the pleasure of sending you herewith, your commission from the Department of State as a member of the International American Archaeological Commission.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Langley

Secretary.

W. H. Holmes, Esq.,
Smithsonian Institution,
Chief, Bureau of American Ethnology.

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UNION CLUB OF BOSTON
6 PARK STREET

At the request of
Mr Charles Peabody
The Executive Committee of the Union Club of Boston have the honor to
extend the privileges of the Club House to
Prof W H Holmes for two weeks from this date
F.H. Warner, for the Committee
December 26, 1909
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The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
founded in the year eighteen hundred and twelve for the cultivation of the natural sciences, in March nineteen hundred and twelve will have completed one hundred years of active devotion to this purpose.
For the adequate celebration of its centenary anniversary the Academy will call in convention at its Hall the learned men and institutions of the world—its collaborators.
The Academy has the honor to invite W. H. Holmes

to be present at this event which will take place at Philadelphia on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first of March nineteen hundred and twelve.
OFFICERS
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DR. A. W. ELMER.
CURATOR,
J. H. PAARMANN
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
MISS S. G. F. SHELDON.
TREASURER,
MISS E. D. PUTNAM.
RECORDING SECRETARY,
A. A. MILLER.
LIBRARIAN,
C. E. HARRISON.
CHAIRMAN PUBLICATION COM.,
MISS E. D. PUTNAM.

ORGANIZED 1867
Davenport Academy of Sciences
Davenport, Iowa, Feb 16th 1904

Prof. W. H. Holmes
Chief, Bureau of Ethnology
Dear Sir
It is my especial privilege to address you for the purpose of notifying you
of your [selection?] to [underline] honorary membership [underline]
in the Davenport Academy of Sciences, at its annual meeting, January
twenty ninth.
The institution has been honored by your interest in its welfare, and also
by your eminence in the scientific world; therefore we present this
expression of our appreciation of your friendship.
Most respectfully yours
S. G. F. Sheldon Cor. Sec

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May 10, 1926.
To Each Honorary Member of the Institute.

The American Institute of Architects wishes to publish in its year book the correct address of every one of its Honorary Members.

The book will be printed on or about June 15th.

Herewith is a post card, self-addressed. It would be much appreciated if you would record thereon your permanent address to which communications and documents of the Institute should be sent.

Very truly yours,

Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary.

K-G
Enc.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:
I CERTIFY That Professor William H. Holmes, Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution has been appointed a Commissioner of the United States on the International Commission of Archaeology and Ethnology, in accordance with the provisions of a provisional plan of organization of said Commission adopted at a meeting of the Diplomatic Representatives of the American Republics held at Washington on April 15, 1903.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.
DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and the 129th year of the Independence of the United States of America.
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DIPLOMA OF ELECTION
TO THE ACADEMY
TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIVE
WILLIAM HENRY HOLMES
Celebration

Tuesday April 17
8 P.M. Meeting for reception of Delegates and of Addresses

Wednesday April 18
10 A.M. General Meeting for presentation of papers on Subjects of Science
2 P.M. Addresses
Franklin's Researches in Electricity
by Edward L. Nichols, Ph.D.
Modern Theories of Electricity and their relation to the Franklinian Theory
by Ernest Rutherford, D.Sc., F. R. S.

8 P.M. Addresses

Thursday April 19
11 A.M. Conferring of Honorary Degrees by the University of Pennsylvania
3 P.M. Ceremonies at the grave of Franklin
9 P.M. General Reception

Friday April 20
11 A.M. Addresses on Franklin as Citizen and Philanthropist
by Horace Howard Furness, Litt. D. (Cantab.)
Printer and Philosopher
by Charles William Eliot, L. L. D.
Statesman and Diplomatist
by Joseph Hodges Choate, L. L. D., D. C. L.
7 P.M. Banquet
The American Philosophical Society
has the honour to invite
Prof. William H. Holmes
to be present at the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of
the birth of its founder
Benjamin Franklin
to be held in Philadelphia
on April 17, 18, 19, and 20, 1906
REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA

ACADEMIA NACIONAL DE HISTORIA

EL SEÑOR WILLIAM H. HOLMES

HA SIDO NOMBRADO SOCIO CORRESPONDIENTE

DE ESTA CORPORACION, EN ATENCION A SUS MERITOS

BOGOTA 10 de ABRIL 1916

Member National Academy of History
Republic of Colombia Sa
1916
To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,
GREETING.
The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful Knowledge, desirous of advancing the Interest of the Society by associating to themselves Men of distinguished Eminence, and of conferring Marks of their Esteem upon Persons of literary Merit, have
Elected
William H. Holmes, Washington, D.C.
a [[underline]] member of [[underline]] the said [[underline]] Philosophical Society, hereby [[underline]] granting unto him all the Rights of Fellowship, with all the Liberties and Privileges thereunto belonging.
In Testimony whereof the said Society have caused the Seal of their Corporation to be annexed to this Certificate and the same to be attested by the Names of the proper Officers this Fifteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Nine.
Attested
[[signature]] I Minis Hays
[[signature]] Fred Prime
[[signature]] Samuel P. Sadler
[[signature]] Richard A. Cleemann
Secretaries

[[signature]] Frederick Fraley
[[signature]] Coleman Sellers
[[signature]] Isaac J. Wistar
[[signature]] George F. Barker
Vice Presidents
Secretaries
December 17, 1919

Dr. William H. Holmes
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Thank you for your note of December 16 advising me of the coming visit of Dr. Hrdlicka to China. We already have so much material on that country, and several very competent representatives there, that I doubt whether The Geographic could use anything more, but will consider the matter. Meanwhile, I appreciate your suggestion.

Perhaps you will remember my calling last winter in reference to devoting a special number of The Geographic Magazine to the Indians of North America. Do you think it would be possible to arrange for a special number of The Geographic giving a comprehensive summary of the Indian tribes of the United States or possibly of North America, - a number modelled somewhat after our magazine devoted to the wild animals of North America, by Nelson?

I shall be very glad to come and see you on this subject at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

[signature] Gilbert Grosvenor
Director and Editor
December 22, 1919

Dr. William H. Holmes,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Holmes:

Several years ago Miss Jane M. Smith of Pittsburgh bequeathed the National Geographic Society a fund of $5,000, the income of which by terms of the bequest is to be used to elect Life Members of the National Geographic Society.

By action of the Board of Managers of the Society, it was resolved that the life memberships should be awarded by the Society in recognition of eminent services for "the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge."

I have much pleasure in advising you that at a meeting of the Board of Managers, December 17, you were unanimously elected a Jane M. Smith Life Member in appreciation and recognition of your distinguished services to geography extending through a long period.

Enclosed are the names of the persons who have been elected Life Members of the Society on the Jane M. Smith bequest.

Kindly advise the office of the National Geographic Society to what address you desire the magazine sent. As a Life Member you are entitled to receive the magazine regularly, and the organization will appreciate your advising us from time to time of any change in your address.

Very sincerely yours,

Gilbert Grosvenor
Director and Editor

Life Membership Certificate enclosed.
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EIGHT HONORED FOR GEOGRAPHIC WORK

One Imported Insect for Fig Growing, Another Planned North Sea Mine Barrage

WASHINGTON, Dec 29 (Special), - In recognition of services for the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge, eight men have been awarded life membership in the National Geographic Society. This was announced today.

The conferring of this honor was made possible by the Jane M. Smith Life Membership Fund, created when Miss Jane M. Smith, Pittsburgh, bequeathed a fund of $5,000.


Only five other life memberships have been awarded, those being to Hiram Bingham, Alfred H. Brooks, William H. Dall, George Kennan and Henry Pittier.

Reasons underlying the choice of the eight men reveal fascinating narratives of geographic achievement, ranging from the introduction of the insect which made California fig-growing practicable to the studies which made possible the laying of the North Sea mine barrage.

One of the recipients, Professor Griggs, was included for discovering something new to the eye of man on this globe, the Valley of the Ten Thousand Smokes, in Alaska. Another, Mr. Cook, had a part in digging up a lost city, Machu Picchu. It revealed such pre-Columbian secrets as its magnificent monuments, and the hanging gardens where it is thought the humble potato originated.

It was Mr. Swingle, whose name ever will be associated with the American raising of Smyrna figs. Until he introduced the insect necessary for fertilization of this variety at Fresno, Cal., in 1899, the imported fig trees grew but bore no fruit. Mr. Swingle also devised numerous improvements to microscopes, made agricultural explorations in many lands and introduced the date palm, pistachio nut and other plants of Mediterranean origin into the United States.

Checking Germany's U-boat warfare by the North Sea Mine barrage is universally accounted to have been a major factor in the Allied victory. Preliminary to this gigantic task a needful element to the success of the operation was a study of the geography of the North Sea region - a study made by Rear-Admiral Strauss.

Admiral Strauss already was known for his invention of the superposed turret system of mounting guns on battleships, his part in the blockade of the Cuban coast, his experimental work in torpedoes and his writings on ordnance and ballistics.

Known to every student of animal life is the work of Mr. Nelson, chief of the United States Biological Survey. He has added to the information concerning animal life of North America from the time he conducted pioneer scientific explorations in Alaska, forty years ago.

No less important than the increase of geographic knowledge, the National Geographic Society has always held, is its diffusion, and on this basis recognition was accorded to Frank G. Carpenter.
December 26, 1919.

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
Director and Editor,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Grosvenor:

My election as a Jane M. Smith Life Member of the National Geographic Society is as unexpected as it is gratifying. I had not thought of my diversified exploitations within the field of geography as worthy of particular recognition, the pleasure of it all having been ample compensation. My homage is due to your Board of Managers for this honor and to you personally for your thoughtful and generous consideration.

I am glad to have the magazine always at hand and the particular at hand is where I work. It may, therefore, be addressed to the U. S. National Museum.

Very truly yours,

Head Curator,
Department of Anthropology.
August 10th, 1906.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

You are aware of the fact that sometime since a formal decree was rendered which declared that the Smithsonian Institution was, in law and in fact, the National Gallery of Art, and that the collection of the late Harriet Lane Johnston was, therefore, awarded to it. This decision, together with the acceptance of the Freer Collection by the Board of Regents last winter, marks a genuine step in the development of art interests in the Institution, which will, of course, require a definite organization. Pending such action as may be taken in the future by the Board of Regents, or as subsequent developments may demand, and in the hope that I am not unduly burdening you in view of your many duties, I ask that you will temporarily accept the designation of Curator of the National Gallery of Art, and will give as much of your time as possible to the hanging of the Harriet Lane Collection.
Johnston collection, and to such other duties as may arise in connection with the whole subject of the fine arts in the Institution.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. Rathbun

Acting Secretary.

Mr. W.H. Holmes,

Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C.
It gives me great pleasure to let you know that our Anthropological Society of Berlin has appointed you a Corresponding Member. I congratulate you and trust you will take as an expression of our sincere wish that the relations between us and our honoured colleagues on the other side of the water will always continue friendly and intimate. The official notification will soon come to hand.

Believe me, dear Sir,
yours very sincerely

[[Signature]] Karl von der Steinen

Vice-President, Antrop. Socy.
Berliner Gesellschaft
fur Antropologie, Ethnologie, and Urgeschichte.

Berlin, den 21ten Juni 1903


Der Verstand der Gesellschaft
fur Antropologie, ethnologie und Urgeschichte zu Berlin

Dr. Waldey P. Traeger
Vorsitzender Schriftfuhrer

Herrn William H. Holmes

Head Curator Unit. States National Museum
Chief Bureau of American Ethnology
Washington

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Dr. W. H. Holmes,
Care Field Columbian Museum
Chicago, Ill.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your biography, and would ask you, at your earliest convenience to please send me a photograph of yourself to accompany it.

Thanking you for your prompt response to my request, I am

Yours,

[[Signature]] John Boyd Thacher [[Illegible]]

Chairman Executive Committee on Awards.

Per. [[signature]] Frank R. Phister

A.C.R.

HONORS FOR HOLMES.

Well-Known Scientist of Chicago
Is Called to Washington.

Has EARNED HIS PREFERMENT.

Won a Place in Geologic and Anthropo-
logical Research Recognized
Throughout the World.

Professor W. H. Holmes, curator of the department of anthropology in
the Field of Columbian Museum and professor of anthropic geology in
the University of Chicago, has been summoned to Washington and
assigned to one of the highest positions which the government can give
a scientist.

At the Field museum the well-known scientist had in his care one of the
largest collections illustrative of the history of man's progress in the arts
of life in existence, but in his new position he will be able to arrange and
classify untold riches in these lines. Not content with marking him head
of either the national museum or the Smithsonian Institution, the
government has made a new office for him by combining all the vast
collection in the departments of anthropology and ethnology in the two
great institutions under his care. Not only is this a great opportunity for
work, but it is a great and unexpected honor to the Chicago man.

For years these two institutions have been receiving and storing in their
halls vast quantities of valuable material from every corner of the
country. Expeditions to all known cites in this land and South America
have brought back discoveries which have been only partly classified.
Collectors in the west and throughout the Indian reservations have been
gathering thousands of objects illustrative of the development of the arts
among the Indians and sending them to the National Museum or the
Smithsonian Institution. From year to year the latter and the bureau of
ethnology have issued costly and valuable publications descriptive of
the work of the several departments. These publications have for many
years been enriched by the work of Professor Holmes and beautified by
his illustrations.

As far back as 1872 the value of his services was recognized by the
government, and he was sent west with the party which prepared the
survey of the territories. This work consumed eight years and brought
Professor Holmes immediately into prominence. He was at that time a
geologist pure and simple, and was untiring in his explorations and his
careful delineation of this almost unknown region. His early sketches of
the Grand Canon are to be found in the works on geology in almost
every language. He was the first to give scientific value to his work as
an artist, and he now stands at the head of the modern school of artist-
scientists. From this time he continued his artistic labors with scrupulous care, sketching and painting in one field and another, but always with painstaking fidelity and scientific accuracy. Of this branch of his work Head Professor Chamberlain of the department of geology said to-day: “He is undoubtedly the best geologic artist of this or any other time. He is undoubtedly without any superior, although he has many admiring imitators.” This is also the opinion of Sir Archibald Giekie, which he expresses in the introduction to the last edition of his well-known textbook.

Professor Holmes is not only an artist whose achievements have scientific value, but his work in other fields of art has received great praise. At the recent salon of the Arche Club he exhibited several watercolors of rare delicacy, one of which, a picture of two little girls dancing in a sun-bright meadow, received special mention. His water-color work, which has been reproduced in the reports of the bureau of ethnology, has drawn the admiration and interest of the scientific world to those publications.

As United States Geologist.

After the survey of the west was finished, Professor Holmes was made geologist to the United States survey, in which capacity he served ten years, his intimate connection with the vast western country then just opening to the scientific world making him an invaluable assistant.

A new interest now began to claim his attention. He was already a geologist of world-wide reputation, with a brilliant future before him, but the new interest became stronger every day, and he soon left the ranks of geologists to become an ardent anthropologist. While in the southwest he had seen many evidences of the ancient civilization of the west, and had had his artistic interest aroused by the aboriginal pottery which was found in profusion in the undisturbed homes of the cliff dwellers. His wish to work in a new field led to his appointment as curator of the department of aboriginal pottery in the United States National museum in 1882, where he worked with enthusiasm eleven years, arranging, cataloguing, sketching and publishing the rich material in his possession.

But Professor Holmes was too valuable a practical field worker to be left quietly in his museum, and he was called in 1889 to the position of chief of all the explorations then being made by the United States bureau of ethnology. Ancient village sites were carefully examined, cliffs were scaled and lost cities unearthed during his administration and invaluable data brought before the scientific world.

Came to Chicago.

The Columbian exposition brought Professor Holmes to Chicago, and as his work of exploration was over he was induced in 1894 to become curator of the department of anthropology at the Field Museum, which position he now holds.

Two years ago he went with Allison V. Armour in his yacht Itune to Mexico and Central America. On this trip he went into Mexico and secured the material for his recent "Archeological Studies Among the Ancient Cities of Mexico".

Head Professor Chamberlain said to-day, when told of the appointment: "I am very sorry that we are going to lose him. He was professor of anthropic geology in my department, and we hoped that he would continue with us. He was a geologist in the early days, and was one of the few men of science who went into the far west. It was a great loss to geology when he became an ethnologist, but he has won laurels in his chosen field. His last book was a beautiful memoir upon 'Stone Relics
About Washington,' in which he shows that all the so-called 'paleoliths' or rude stone chippings are merely chippings and rejected pieces from the shops of later stone implement makers. His recent expression of his theories at Toronto puts a new face upon our studies.*

"Do you think his theories will cause fresh study and inquiry along those lines?"

"No. I consider it the last chapter. His new book, now about to go to press, will be a study of the Trenton gravels, and will add fresh weight to his theory."

Professor Holmes returned from Toronto to-day and was not willing to say much about his new position.

"I will have to stay here a short time," said he, "in order to finish some of the work that I have begun. After the death of Dr. Goode recently the Smithsonian Institution was reorganized under three heads, one of which was anthropology. This includes all departments of the subject, and I will have the collections of the Smithsonian and the National Museum to work upon. These three departments will be under the control of Dr. E. B. Wolcott, the acting head.*

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VOLUME I

SECTION V. SOCIETIES AND CLUBS, SCIENTIFIC, ARTISTIC, LITERARY, SOCIAL, ETC.

W. H. HOLMES
MEMBER OF SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

National Academy of Sciences April 20, 1905 [[checked and lined in pencil]]
American Academy of Arts and Sciences [[Checked and lined in pencil]]
Washington Academy of Sciences President, 1917-1918 [[checked and lined in pencil]]
Anthropological Society of Washington - President [[checked and lined in pencil]]
Archeological Society of Washington - President [[checked and lined in pencil]]
American Philosophical Society December 15, 1899 [[checked and lined in pencil]]
Archeological Institute of America [[lined in pencil]]
American Anthropological Association
International Congress of Americanists
Academy of Natural Sciences, Phildephia [[lined in pencil]]
American Association of Museums
American Institute of Architects November 13, 1899 [[lined in pencil]]
Alumni Association, George Washington University
Cosmos Club, Washington - Founder-President*[[CIRCLED-1919]] -Life Member *[[should be 1907-1908]]
LibRARY Society of Washington - Life Member [[line in pencil]]
Arts Club of Washington - Life Member
Society of Washington Artists - President-Honorary President
Washington Water Color Club - President 1920
Landscape Club - Honorary Member
National Society of the Fine Arts - President 1909 [[lined in pencil]]
The National Parks Association
Rocky Mountain Club August 23, 1876 [[lined in pencil]]
Missouri Historical Society June 3, 1903 [[lined in pencil]]
Inaugural Committee, 1905.
*[[Academyia nacionale de history of Colombia
American Federation of Arts]]
Members' Course
November 17, 1909, -- A Religious and Artistic Reform in Egypt -- B.C., 1400 Dr. Max Muller.
December 15, 1909, -- Michael Angelo and the Sistine Ceiling, Dr. H. H. Powers.
January 4, 1910, -- Symbols and Patterns, Miss May Morris.
January 19, 1910, -- Sorolla and His Works, Mr W. E. B. Starkweather.
April 26, 1910, -- Music of the Southwestern Indians, Miss Natalie Curtis.

Public Course.
December 14, 1909, -- Art of the Pharaohs, Dr. H. H. Powers.
January 4, 1910, -- German Life in German Art, D. T. Lindsey Blayney.
February 1, 1910, -- Arts and Crafts-- Past and Present, Miss Anna Seaton-Schmidt.
March 1, 1910, -- Flower Garden Competition, Mr. H.D. Hemenway.
April 5, 1910, -- Civic Art

Announcement
The National Society of the Fine Arts
1909-1910

Officers

President.........................William H. Holmes
First Vice-President..............Hennen Jennings
Second Vice-President............Glenn Brown
Secretary.........................Leila Mechlin
Treasurer.........................Bernard R. Green

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Charles J. Bell, Ex-President

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The National Society of the Fine Arts is now entering upon its fifth season. Since its organization, in March, 1905, it has done much to promote the interest in art by conducting courses of lectures for its members and for the general public, by holding exhibitions and assisting other organizations in setting forth exhibitions; by exerting its influence to secure better legislation in regard to matters pertaining to fine arts in general, and to the beautifying of Washington in particular. It has been directly instrumental in the formation of a League for the Decoration of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, and, furthermore, it has, through its activities during the past two years, brought about the foundation of the American Federation of Arts—an institution of national scope and great possibilities. Organized in Washington in May last, this Federation already numbers 60 non-commercial art organizations, and over 600 individuals, representing nearly every State in the Union. Owing to the organization of this Federation, which now becomes the representative national art organization, the National Society of the Fine Arts necessarily takes it place as a local body. This change in the status of the Society will, it is believed, through the concentration of its efforts upon a more limited range of problems, tend to increase rather than diminish its influence. The scope will yet remain amply comprehensive. The National Capital is the common possession of all the people, and should stand in art as in other matters of culture an example to the Nation. The work of the Society should be so directed and so energetically prosecuted as to justify the expectation now often expressed that Washington is to become the art center of America. A first great end to be sought is the awakening of public sentiment with respect to the artistic shortcomings of Washington, and to the means and measures necessary to their correction. An enthusiastic working membership is a prime necessity in the accomplishment of these ends.

At the first meeting of the season, November 17th, the following amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Society will be offered:

1. To change the name of the Society from "The National Society of the Fine Arts" to "The Washington Society of Fine Arts"; and
2. To limit the membership to 500.

Ten meetings for members will be held during the season in available halls and in the residences of members, and a course of five public lectures will be given at the Public Library. At least two of the former series will be devoted to social matters, to the discussion of various subjects within the scope of the Society's activities, and to exhibitions of art works.

The lectures for the season, so far as arranged, are as follows:
DEVELOPMENT OF THE COSMOS CLUB

By
John C. Hoyt.

[Underlined] Objects and Activities

In response to a growing desire among scientific men resident in Washington, D.C., for the establishment of a social club composed of men devoted to or interested in science, professionally or otherwise, the Cosmos Club was organized November 18, 1878, at an informal meeting held at the home of Major John W. Powell, 910 M Street NW. When the by-laws were adopted by the incorporators the scope of the Club was extended to include persons interested in literature as well as science, and later it was broadened to include those interest in art.

Although the original idea of the founders of the Club was to provide for the social needs of its members, soon after its organization the Club recognized that it had the further function of providing for the technical needs of its members and thereby contributing to the advancement of science, literature, and art, and its development has been directed to these purposes. By combining and fostering these purposes and following well-established traditions the Cosmos Club has come to occupy an enviable position among the clubs not only of this country but of the world, and it is recognized as an effective factor in the advancement of the interests which it represents.
FOUNDING OF THE COSMOS CLUB

[[Signature at right]] WHHolmes

[[Pencil]]Naval, [[End]] Observatory Washington, D.C.,
November 18, 1878

To [[Written]] Mr. Holmes [[End]]

My Dear Sir:

At an informal meeting of gentlemen, held at the house of Major J. W. Powell (No. 910 M Street,) on November 16th, it was resolved to organize a Social Club in Washington, on the models of the Century Club of New York, and the Scientific Club of London, to be called the Scientific Club of Washington, and to be composed of "men devoted to or interested in Science, professionally or otherwise." It is conceived that such an organization for purely social purposes is necessary in this city. It is intended to procure club rooms in some central part of the city, which are to be open during the afternoon and evening only; to form a library of periodicals; to provide only extremely simple refreshments, at least at first, and, in general, to make a place where it will be possible for the members of the Club to meet socially at any time under pleasant surroundings.

It is estimated that a very small admission fee, (yet undetermined,) and an annual fee of not more than ten dollars will enable us to do this, if the Club can be organized with sixty members to begin with.

At the meeting referred to, your name was proposed as one of the original sixty members, [[underlined from name to members]] and (if you were not there present) you will be called upon by one of the members to invite your presence at a second meeting, at the same place, on Monday night, November 25th, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that you will be ready to join us, at least for the year 1879, in order that the experiment may have a fair trial; and if you are willing to do this, be please to drop a line to the Secretary.

Very sincerely yours,

J.W.POWELL, President
EDWARD S. HOLDEN, Secretary
To Mr. Holmes
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Very sincerely yours,

J. W. POWELL, President.

EDWARD S. HOLDEN, Secretary.
The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Cosmos Club

The Club will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday on the evening of Monday, November ^sixteenth^, beginning at half past eight.

Members only are expected to attend. All visitors cards and associate privileges will be revoked for that night.

Addresses will be made by Major C. E. Dutton, Mr. Simon Newcomb, Mr. S. P. Langley, Mr. G. K. Gilbert, and Mr. W. H. Holmes.

A loan exhibition of pictures will be on view and supper will be served at the conclusion of the speaking. All members are expected to be present.

By order of the Board of Managers:

L. O. Howard
Secretary

^1903
COSMOS CLUB

The Committee appointed under the resolution of December 18, 1905, to make nominations for office and for membership in the Board of Management and the Committee on Admissions, to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, January 8, 1906, has made the following nominations:

For President: SIMON NEWCOMB
For Vice-President: W. H. HOLMES  ^[[President next year]]
For Secretary: L. O. HOWARD
For Treasurer: WILLIAM A DECAINDRY

For Board of Managers:

1907
  ^[[3]]
  *[[1 year]]
  CYRUS ADLER  ^[[+]]
  A. H. BALDWIN  ^[[+]]
  F. W. CLARKE
  FRANK SUTTON  ^[[+FOR 2 YEARS]]
  WALTER WYMAN

  ^[[3]]

1908
WM. BRUCE KING
CAZENOVE G. LEE  ^[[+]]
F. A. RICHARDSON  ^[[+]]
J. K. TAYLOR
R. H. THAYER

  ^[[3]]  ^[[for 3 years]]

1909
CHARLES J. BELL  ^[[+]]
A. B. COOLIDGE  ^[[+]]
OSCAR T. CROSBY
J. G. HILL
H. W. WILEY  ^[[+]]

  ^[[Presidents in [underline]1910[/underline]]][[underline]]
  ^[[2 Only in 1907-8]]

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January 24, 1924.

Dr. W. H. Holmes,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been appointed chairman of
the Art Committee for the year 1824. The other members of the
Committee are Richard A. Rice and Edmond C. Tarbell.

Very truly yours,
[[signed]] D. L. Hagard
Secretary.
ADDRESS OF MR. G. K. GILBERT
AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
THE CLUB, NOVEMBER 16, 1903

About thirty years ago Donn Piatt, the journalist, a clever and pungent writer, entertained the readers of the Sunday Capital by witty attacks on various persons and things. Among his victims was Dr. Hayden, the geologist and explorer, whom he dubbed "triangulating Hayden" and who was goaded to wrath and misery by the weekly thornings. He turned attention also, once or twice, to Major Powell, but the result was different. The astute Major may have fumed internally--I do not know--but his visible action was to see the acquaintance of the troublesome editor and meet him socially a few times. There was no discussion of the Sunday Capital, there were no favors, nothing was done but to establish social relations--and the attacks ceased.

I recite this incident because I have been asked to speak this evening of the relation of the Club to science and the scientist; and because the principle of the Major's diplomacy is one of the fundamental factors in the service of the Club to the cause of science.

Those who search for the knowledge of nature which we call science are unfortunately quite as fallible as their brethren in other walks of life. False trails as well as true are followed, and it is often hard to tell which seeker has chosen the proper road. So there always have been, there are now, and there must continue to be differences of opinion; and the concomitant of divergent opinion is criticism and controversy. The inevitable battle of ideas, whether fought in print or on the arena of the scientific society, is by no means to be regretted, for it has a winnowing function that could ill be spared; but there is always danger that intellectual antagonism may lead to personal antagonism, that the heat of controversy may blind investigators to the community of their labors and interest, that egoistic am-
ambition for victory may supplant altruistic ambition for the increase of knowledge, that paltry bickering may sully the honor and dignity of research. If the man who opposes our opinion is an invisible author, or if we meet him only in the arena of discussion, we are prone to be warped in our judgment and suspect that his attire conceals a sloven hoof and a barbed tail. But if we know him not merely as a rival but also as a man, we can usually satisfy ourselves that his anatomy is normal and inoffensive. It is a prime function of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, fully recognized by its leaders, that it brings men into personal relations and thus promotes mutual appreciation. It is a prime function of the Cosmos Club to find the scientific men of Washington by a social tie and thus promote that solidarity which is important to their proper work and influence. The world but imperfectly realizes that its progress in civilization is absolutely dependent on science, and Government endowment of research is yet limited, and too often thwarted, by a lack of understanding and appreciation. The influence of our scientific corps -- is strong in proportion as it is united, and it suffers from every jealousy and needless antagonism.

There are no scales by which a social influence may be weighed. There is no logic by which the credit for a moral result can be fairly apportioned to its causes. But I fear no dispute in saying that suspicion, jealousy, and dissension were comparatively characteristic of the scientific body of Washington a quarter century ago, and that mutual appreciation, good will, and support are comparatively characteristic of the greatly enlarged scientific body of to-day. And I hold that the share of the Cosmos Club in the working of this change has counted for more in the promotion of science than has its hospitality to the associations that meet under its roof.

In passing now from the service the Club renders science to the service it renders the individual scientist, I feel that I must tread gently, for the ground is tender. Let me begin with the truism that in each profession are men of high culture and men of inferior culture, men who possess the clubbable quality and men who lack it. Our Club was projected by men of a single profession, science, and it was by their invitation that men of culture in other professions took part in the organization. At an early stage the door was opened wide to the members of the Philosophical Society, then our only important scientific association, but credentials were demanded from all others. The principle thus established has never been abandoned, and the standard of admissions has always been higher for candidates outside the scientific field than for those within it. The door has yielded somewhat easily to the touch of the scientist but has resisted the push of the doctor, the lawyer, the man of business, or the man of leisure unless his personal desire was reinforced by the possession of high culture and clubbability.

Thus it has come to pass that we of the scientific contingent have been able to contribute less of social advantage than we have received. We have come in almost unsorted, the refined and the crude, the apt and the less apt, the socially skilled and the shy, and we have chosen our associates with all the skill we could command. It is barely possible that we have "made good" in some other way -- I hope we have -- but,
whatever may be thought as to that, there can be no question that our own outlook has been broadened, our angles have been rounded, our conceit has been moderated, and in general we have been humanized by the good society we have enjoyed. I would not carry a metaphor too far, but there would be a measure of truth in the figure if we should call the present occasion a silver wedding of Science and Culture.


Smithsonian Institution Transcription Center, Smithsonian Libraries
Dear Sir:-

I am handing you herewith my Catalogue of the Art works of the Club which I regret to say is by no means perfect. Little data regarding the works came to me from my predecessors on the Committee. Mr. Smilie, who preceeded me states in a letter dated March 6, 1919 that according to his recollection "a list was prepared some seven or eight years ago and it is possible that it lurks in some pigeon hole of the Manager's desk". Mr. A. H. Baldwin in a letter dated March 31, 1919 states that "I made a list myself when I was on the Committee some twenty years ago and I assume that this list must be in the Club's office".

The Card Catalogue submitted herewith is brought practically up to date. The cards are assembled by rooms as now installed, but changes in placement are often made without reference to the Committee and the task of keeping the record up to date is rendered difficult.

I am handing you also papers relating to insurance of the works and such correspondence as has come into my hands.

The fire which occurred at the Club recently did very considerable damage to works of art that happened to come within its reach. Numerous engravings and other minor works were blackened by smoke and had to be cleaned up and disposed of. The Board gave me discretion in the matter of disposal and a large number of engravings
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mostly Civil War subjects, so blackened to be of no further use to the Club, were presented to the Department of History in the National Museum. A few of the less seriously damaged pictures found places in the Club Rooms, while others, badly injured, were relegated to storage along with previous accumulations of useless material. The most serious damage was the partial obliteration of a large Japanese painting recently presented to the Club by Mrs. Judge Thayer.

I am enclosing a note addressed to the Art Committee by Judge McCoy in which he objects to the return of the series of the Presidents’ portraits to their former place on the walls of the north stairway. As the original installation met with general approval by Club members, I cannot alone take the responsibility of making the change suggested. I am, therefore, asking that no action be taken in the matter until my resignation as Chairman of the Committee is accepted and until the Committee can meet and take necessary action.

I find, to my regret, that due to the desire to be helpful in various directions I have undertaken heavier burdens than my present state of health warrants and I am, therefore, presenting to the Board my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Art and Decoration and shall not expect to take any further active part in its affairs.

Sincerely yours,

To the Secretary of the Cosmos Club.
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August 21, 1924.
To the Board of Managers,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D.C.
Gentlemen:-
For reasons given in my report recently handed to the Secretary of the Club, I find it necessary to avoid further responsibility as chairman of the Committee on Art and Decoration, and hereby tender my resignation as a member of that Committee. I have notified the other members of the Committee, Messrs. Rice and Tarbell, of this action.
Very respectfully,

WH. Holmes

August 17, 1927.

Dr. W. H. Holmes
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

You have been appointed chairman of a committee of which the other members are Herbert Friedenwald, R. L. Faris, and D. L. Hazard, to consider the suggestion of Allen C. Clark of the Committee on Historic Sites that the Club take over the tablet prepared by that committee for the Cameron House in 1925 and have the inscription changed to suit the wishes of the Club and then have the tablet put in a suitable place on the building. In 1925 the Board declined to permit the placing of the tablet because the inscription was not considered satisfactory.

The tablet is in Mr. Clark's office at 816 Fourteenth Street and Mr. Marshall had prepared a form of inscription which he thought proper. I have the information which he included but not the exact form. You may possibly know something about it, or perhaps Mr. Charles Moore, who was a member of the committee that considered the matter in 1925.

Perhaps by comparing the paper which I have with the tablet it would be possible to determine whether the inscription could be changed satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

[[Signature]] D. L. Hazard

Secretary.
January 15, 1929

Dr. W. H. Holmes,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Holmes:

The Board of Management has directed me to thank you on behalf of the Club for your most generous gift of four of your oil paintings. They are an important and welcome addition to the works of art of the Club.

Very truly yours,

D. L. Hagard
Secretary.
June 18, 1928.

Dr. William H. Holmes,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Holmes:

Will you on November 12 make a short speech of not to exceed 15 minutes on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Club. If you would rather not talk about the artists who have been members then talk about the early days. Please let me know whether I may consider this an engagement.

Sincerely yours,

L. O. Howard
Chairman of Anniversary Committee.

Dolly Madison House at the corner, as modified in 1893, and two adjacent houses at the south, 25 Madison Place, which was first rented and later purchased, December 5, 1906, and 23 Madison Place, which was purchased February 11, 1907.

Dolly Madison House at left, as modified in 1910, main Club building in the center, built during 1910 and 1910 on the site of 23 and 25 Madison Place, and Benjamin Ogle Tayloe House (later Don Cameron House) at right, purchased November 24, 1917.
The Sunday Star, Washington, D. C., November 11, 1928-- Part 7

Inos Roster of Men on Achievement Gives Distinction to Observance of Half-Century Milestone in Its Progress as Social Organization--Men Who Have Led in Its Work During This Period.

COSMOS CLUB OF TODAY, COMPOSED OF THREE UNITS -- THE DOLLY MADISON HOUSE ON THE CORNER, THE MAIN BUILDING AT THE RIGHT CENTER, AND THE BENJAMIN OGLE TAYLOR HOUSE AT THE EXTREME LEFT

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Five of the men who were among the founders of the Cosmos Club 50 years ago will celebrate tomorrow the golden anniversary of that event.

Dr. W. H. Holmes, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, Dr. Otto H. Tittmann, Dr. H. C. Yarrow and H. W. Henshaw are scholars whose names graced the first roll of the club and are on the list of members today. Dr. Holmes and Dr. Pritchett will speak at the fiftieth anniversary meeting, over which the president of the club, Wendell Phillips Stafford, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, will preside.

Although he was only eight years from his college graduation at the time he became one of the founders of the club, William Henry Holmes had already established himself as a young man who would merit the honors which later came to him. As director of the National Gallery of Art he looks back over a series of positions, any one of which would honor a man. He has been chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, curator of anthropology of the National Museum and of the Art Gallery. He is a member of a long list of honorary societies and was the president of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Pritchett has engaged in important expeditions for astronomical investigation, has been president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is president of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching and wears the rosette of the Legion of Honor.

The three other living founders achieved fame in different lines, Mr. Henshaw as a naturalist, Dr. Yarrow as a surgeon and Dr. Tittmann as a geodesist. Dr. Yarrow was surgeon and naturalist for the expedition exploring the territory west of the 100th meridian, member of the medical faculty of George Washington University for 30 years, and curator of reptiles of the United States National Museum. It was Dr. Tittmann who represented the United States in settling the boundary between Alaska and Canada. He has been superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and president of the National Geographic Society.

Leland Ossian Howard is chairman of the committee which is arranging for the gathering whose brilliance, if measured in watts, would rival Broadway at night. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, known in Washington as the former rector of St. John's, will return for the occasion as a speaker. Dr. Harvey Wiley, George Otis Smith, Charles E. Munroe and Marcus Benjamin will address the audience of scholars. If their engagements will permit, Ray Stannard Baker, Gifford Pinchot and Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University, will come to speak.

There are 59 names written on the page of the minutes of the Cosmos Club, dated January 6, 1879, and before the date of the annual election January 13 one more was added, making the original 60 members planned for. In a letter inviting the 60 charter members to form a club which today is world renowned, John W. Powell, the first president,
outlined the purposes and reasons for the organization of a "social club in Washington on the models of the Century Club of New York and the Scientific Club of London, to be called the Scientific Club of Washington, and to be composed of 'men devoted to or interested in science, professionally or otherwise.'" He elaborated the idea by adding, "It is conceived that such an organization for purely social purposes is necessary in this city. It is intended to procure clubrooms in some central part of the city, which are to be open during the afternoon and evening only; to form a library of periodicals; to provide only extremely simple refreshments, at least at first, and, in general, to make a place where it will be possible for members of the club to meet socially at any time under pleasant surroundings."

He was authorized to send out this letter at a preliminary meeting held in his home on November 16, 1878, when a group of men of gregarious instincts with scientific tastes laid the foundation of the club which honors men in bestowing membership.

It is not surprising but rather quite natural that a club of this kind should develop in Washington, for it has been pointed out that the time was ripe for its formation. Washington with its scientific bureaus was a lodestone which attracted brilliant men. As the scientific and governmental center of the United States, it invited more distinguished men in science and public service than any other city. Artists and literary men of distinction were found here, too.

In the Coast and Geodetic and Geological Surveys, the Bureau of Entomology, the Naval Observatory, the Signal Service--now the Weather Bureau--in other governmental departments, and the Smithsonian Institution were men who had common interests. To them a place for the exchange of ideas and the meeting of others with similar tastes was valuable and pleasurable. There were other men in the District of Columbia eligible to membership, who had come to the Capital to conduct research work at the Library of Congress or in many of the departments.

Although in forming a club which cultivated scientific and art interests the suggestion was made that the one in Washington be like the Century Club of New York, it was not the aim, nor has it been the result, to imitate it exactly. Membership in the Cosmos Club is an honor, but it is not meant to be one crowning a man's achievements. Rather it is to stimulate the men who are engaged in making their mark in the learned world. Instead of a staid club where only those who have arrived may bask in the glory of their achievements, it is a place for them to enjoy while they are making the grade.

There was a club back in those times which by a two-part system satisfied both the minds and the gregarious instincts of men of brains. At the meetings of the Philosophical Society held in Ford's Theater, on Tenth street formal papers were read to men who were capable of understanding them. The only visitors at these meetings were others of established reputation in science or philosophy. After a stimulating program on an abstruse subject it was customary for those present to enjoy social contacts by adjourning to a nearby restaurant for beer and pretzels. It was but another step to bind cold science and the social amenities into a club. Many members of the Philosophical society upon invitation became members of the Cosmos Club.
It was not by chance that this more completely organized group received the name that signifies "the world as an orderly system."

The name of the club was chosen by ballot. Out of 27 votes cast, 21 were in favor of the name "Cosmos." "Kosmos," "Scientific" and "Joseph Henry" were other names considered. When it was pointed out that consistency demanded the spelling of "club" with "K" if Cosmos were spelled that way, the founders decided to cling to the alliterative and usual C's.

"[This article appeared in the Sunday Star November 11th 1928, and the 50th Anniversary meeting of the foundation of the Cosmos Club was held on Monday evening the 12th. This was a most interesting meeting and a copy of the secretary's report is appended]"
DR. L.O. HOWARD, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE PLANNING
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE COSMOS CLUB

The first officers of the club were: President, Maj. John W. Powell; vice president, Prof. William Harkness; secretary, Prof. E. S. Holden; treasurer, Dr. John S. Billings; trustees, Capt. E. C. Dutton, Dr. J. C. Welling, and Col. Garrick Mallery.

Less than a month after the first meeting when men started a club that was to become even more unusual with the years, rooms were rented in the Corcoran Building. The first home was situated on that corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fifteenth street which is opposite by the Treasury and is now occupied by the Washington Hotel. At one time $53 rent was paid monthly for 2,200 feet of space in a six-room suite! There is some question in the minds of those who look at the picture of that neighborhood at the time of the opening of the Cosmos Club as to why rooms were necessary at all. Except for protection for the weather and the comforts of armchairs, there seems to be no reason why even scientists could not have held their meetings in that quiet street. A few horses and buggies, the crawling horsecar, and an occasional passerby strolling across did not bring confusion to the broad avenue. There was not a policeman's shrill whistle to crack the calm and there was no such heinous offense as

going up the left-hand side of the street. Hitching with the horse headed the wrong way was quite all right, for even one-half the avenue was not one way.

There, in a pie-shaped room whose broad side was on the corner, another fair-sized one, and a cloakroom, members could drop in from noon until midnight to enjoy the amenities of club life. After the first few months of adjustments, when a code of by-laws and rules and regulations was established, the board of management authorized the serving of punch at monthly meetings. Perhaps this hospitality was one of the reasons that during the first year it was necessary to take additional rooms.

Never applauding prominence, but always recognizing merit, the club entertains men who contribute to the art and scientific worlds when they visit in Washington. Membership is now extended to those of intellectual qualification and of proficiency in literature, art and law, as well as to those who have achieved distinction in science.

At first the number of members in scientific fields overbalanced the others, the Geological Survey having the most men in the club. Some years ago Dr. Holmes classified the member-
engravers and sculptors—all men of genius; doctors, dentists, physicians and specialists—but no quacks; lawyers—but no shysters; Army and Navy officers—all heroes; teachers and professors, and some educators; preachers and ministers—all divines; bankers and financiers; designers of buildings—all architects; statesman, diplomats, secretaries, directors, chiefs, superintendents, chief clerks, office holders and others; some 400 in all, and absolutely select.

Scanning the list of members of the Cosmos Club is like reading Who's Who, although reading Who's Who is not like reviewing the membership of the club. It is specifically mentioned in the by-laws that the club shall be composed of men who have done meritorious original work in science, literature or the fine arts; who, though not occupied in science, literature or the fine arts, are well known to be cultivated in a specific department thereof; who are recognized as distinguished in a learned profession or in public service. Consequently, the roll reveals names that are known in intellectual circles the world over. There are many which are glamorous even to the layman.

The names of the men who have presided over the Cosmos Club are significant. One appears in this office as merely H. W. Wiley. It is Dr. Harvey Wiley who classifies himself as dietitian and who is known everywhere as the grand old man who made eating a science as well as a habit.

One of the presidents of the Cosmos Club was the man who brought geography into the home, Gilbert Grosvenor. Another was Herbert Putnam, who is responsible for the most usable large collection of books in the world, that of the Library of Congress. Charles Edward Munroe, inventor of smokeless powder and authority on explosives; George K. Burgess, director of that mainspring of science in the United States, the Bureau of Standards; Gifford Pinchot, the conservationist, and Charles L. Marlatt, who is chief of the Bureau of Entomology, all former presidents, demonstrate the breadth and depth of learning at home in this club of reason.

It has been suggested that an investigation would reveal that the longevity of members of the Cosmos Club is greater than that found in other clubs. The reasons why these scholars live to a

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ripe old age are suggested. They are men who have not engaged in the stress of business competition, who have avoided the tribulations of amassing wealth, and who are occupied with the work they love. They are contented, but not static; curious, but not acquisitive. Unlike business men they do not work to be able to stop work, but they outline long programs of investigations, study and research which keep them young in the anticipation of accomplishment.

DR. L. O. HOWARD, who has served this country in war as a member of the committee on agriculture of the National Council of Defense and in peace in the Public Health Service, the Bureau of Entomology and the National Museum, and who is also an officer of the Legion of Honor, pays a tribute to the wives of members of the Cosmos Club. He says that they are women who have understood the ambitions of scientists and artists and who have not urged them into grooves where they must concentrate on building up fortunes for social advancement. He adds that whereas careers can be ruined or turned away from real achievement by constant pressure for money or social position, they can be made by sympathetic understanding.

On the other hand, this statement may be another tribute to the scholar, because he exercises wisdom in selecting a wife. Although membership did not increase rapidly, because of the conservative policy of the club, it increased steadily, and in a few years it was necessary to move the headquarters from Pennsylvania avenue.

In 1883 the Cosmos Club was moved into the neighborhood where it has grown and prospered ever since. A house was rented on Madison place and later Dolly Madison's house, on the corner at H street, was purchased. At the present time the club property is composed of three units—the Dolly Madison house, the main building, which joins on Madison place, and the next-door residence, the Benjamin Ogle Tayloe house.

Even the houses which provide the headquarters have as brilliant records as the members. The widowed Dolly Madison lived in the one at Madison place and H street for 12 years, attracting a salon that might compare favorably with a board meeting of the club. Senators Don Cameron and Mark Hanna have at different times occupied the Tayloe house, named for the contemporary of the colorful Dolly.

However, in spite of the fact that the buildings have been altered and equipped to serve the increased membership, the time has come when the Cosmos Club is faced with the choice of not receiving into membership men who are most decidedly worthy of the honor, or obtaining larger quarters. It is just possible to serve the needs of the approximately 1,700 members, who are

about equally divided into resident and non-resident. Sleeping quarters are provided, meals are served, separate dining and reception rooms
are maintained for members' families and the usual clubrooms are at the
disposal of the members. In addition, a hall is furnished for the meetings
of societies affiliated with the Washington Academy of Sciences and
rooms are available for their board and committee meetings. It has
always been the policy of the club to co-operate in every way with
scientific organizations.

THIS golden anniversary celebration is not the first anniversary to be
honored. In 1903 a formal occasion was made of the twenty-fifth
birthday of the club. Joseph Coverton Hornblower presided and 260
members present. The volume which contains the records of the history
of the club and of the celebration in 1902 is illustrated with a page
decoration showing the seal of the club, the dates, 1878-1903, the name
of the organization, and the words, Science, Literature, Art and Law.
This was a fitting heading for the signatures of those who attended the
commemorative exercises.

Dr. William H. Holmes, founder and speaker at
the twenty-fifth and fiftieth anniversaries of the
Cosmos Club.

G. K. Gilbert commended the opportunity for men who are quite decided
in their views to exchange ideas with those of opposite beliefs without
antagonism. He pointed out that meeting opponents only in the arena
does not give the same opportunity for developing broadly as
exchanging views in the club, and that personal relationships promote
mutual appreciation. Binding scientific men by social ties promotes
solidarity of their work and influence, according to him. He called the
occasion the silver anniversary of science and culture.

Dr. William H. Holmes spoke on that occasion 25 years ago, and will be
the only one on that program to repeat tomorrow. He called himself one
of the pre-Cosmian elements which crystallized into the Cosmos Club,
and was gratified because the club was becoming known as the
promoter of art and art interests.

The 50 years that have seen the growth of a club devoted to intellectual
men have also seen stupendous changes in the world without. Many of
them can possibly be traced to the work of the scholars who are
members of this organization. Progress in radio, electricity, aeronautics,
medicine, public health, agriculture, art and literature has been
facilitated by the men who have dedicated themselves to culture.
It is impossible to imagine what changes will have taken place when the
Cosmos Club celebrates its hundredth anniversary, although many of
these scientists, with their long-range reasoning, might be able to
prophecy even now.

On this occasion Dr. S. P. Langley, known as head of the Smithsonian
and a pioneer in aeronautics, spoke of the pleasure he had enjoyed in
this scientific home. He compared the Cosmos with more formal clubs to
the advantage of the former. He was gratified that there were
representatives of the church among the members because "one of the best preparations for a proper mind in which to meet such possible changes of scientific doctrine lies, then, in the catholic spirit in which we may look out on all life, not on the scientific life alone, and this spirit is fostered in a club which opens its doors wide to all thought, and whose motto might be 'Nothing human is foreign to me.'"

The address of Maj. E. C. Dutton, U. S. A., was read, in which he wrote of the reasons for the founding of the club. He referred to the double meetings of the old Philosophical Society and the informal gatherings at the home of Prof. Henry at the Smithsonian and with Prof. Baird. They were the forerunners of the club for men with kindred interests. He believed that the policy of selecting only members who tastes and habits conform to the standards of the club was the reason for its success. Prof. Simon Newcomb, in the naval service, congratulated the members upon their conservatism and the development of an organization to which not wealth, but art, literature and science are important.
Dear Dr Holmes:

Your letter of the 17th listing the four oil paintings you have given to club reached me the day after the meeting of the Board of Management. Therefore the formal & hearty thanks of the Board will not be expressed to you in writing until its next meeting next month. However I assure you that the debt the club owes you is so great that it cannot be expressed adequately by any letter that will be written then.

Sincerely
L. O. Howard

^[[4 pictures in frame delivered & hung in the club - one in my room, 1929
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DINNER IN HONOR OF
THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
WILLIAM H. HOLMES
LAFAYETTE HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
DECEMBER 1, 1916

MENU

Russian Caviar
Celery
Stuffed Olives
Almonds
Clear Green Turtle Soup
Filet of Bass au Vin Blanc
Potatoes Parisienne
Sweetbreads and Fresh Mushrooms
Punch Chartreuse
Venison Steak
French Peas
Currant Jelly
Salad Lafayette
Peach Melba
Assorted Cakes
Roquefort and Cream Cheese
Demi Tasse
Martini Cocktails
Haute Sauterne
Veuve Clicquot, Y. L.
Cigars
Cigarettes

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The ACADEMY of Natural Sciences OF PHILADELPHIA HAS ELECTED W.H. HOLMES, U.S. Geol. Surv. a Correspondent this 28th day of November 1876

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Edward J. Nolan Recording

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Wm. S. Vaux Vice Presidents
John L. LeConte
Washington Academy of Sciences
Board of Managers, 1908
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Archaeological Society....J. W. Foster
Biological Society....L. Stejneger
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Chemical Society....F. W. Clarke
Engineers Society....Arthur P. Davis
Entomological Society....A. D. Hopkins
Foresters Society....Gifford Pinchot
Geographic Society....Willis L. Moore
Geological Society....Geo. Otis Smith
Historical Society....Jas. Dudley Morgan
Medical Society....Henry D. Fry
Philosophical Society....J. F. Hayford

Corresponding Secretary....Frank Baker
Recording Secretary....J. S. Diller
Treasurer....Bernard R. Green

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1909
L. A. Bauer
C. H. Merriam
C. F. Marvin

1910
Geo. M. Kober
F. V. Coville
Bailey Willis

1911
L. O. Howard
O. H. Tittmann
B. W. Evermann

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1908

Meetings
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J. S. Diller
A. K. Fisher
E. B. Rosa
D. K Shute

Publication
B. W. Evermann, Chairman
L. J. Briggs
A. D. Hopkins
C. Hart Merriam
David White

Finance
George Otis Smith, Chairman
The Archaeological Institute of America
through the affiliated Society of Washington
hereby admits Professor William Henry Holmes
of Washington to membership
with all the privileges belonging thereto

[signed] John Williams White [signed] President
[signed] John W. Foster [signed] President
of the Washington Society

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June 8th 1881

Wm. H. Holmes

Smithsonian Institution

City

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in notifying you of your election, as an inactive Member of the Analostan Boat Club, at the last regular Meeting of said organization held on Saturday the 4th inst.[?].

Yours R

J. H. C. McKenney

Cor. Secy
ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLUB,
Colorado Springs, Col., U. S. A.
Aug 23rd 1876

Sir:
I have the honor to inform you that you have been elected a full member of the Rocky Mountain Club, and enclose herewith a copy of the by-laws.
Have the kindness the acknowledge the receipt, and oblige.
Yours truly,

[S. Edwin Solly]
Secretary.

[^Holmes ?]
[strikeout]Yearly subscription, $5.00, which may be remitted to the Secretary of the Treasurer.[/strikeout]
DATES AND PLACES OF MEETING
Season of 1924-1925
December 20. Mr. Coville
January 17. Miss Sedgley and Miss Wright
January 31. Mr. Gregory
February 14. Mr. Merriam
February 28. Mr. Lewis
March 14. Mrs. Davis
March 28. Mr. Noyes
April 11. Mr. Farrington
April 25. Mr. Williams

[[footnote]] Attention is called to article IX of the constitution: "Absence from three regular meetings in succession without a cause assigned shall work a forfeiture of membership."

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY
Washington, D.C.
Season of 1924-1925

President. Mr. Albert Douglas
Vice-President. Mrs. Margarita S. Gerry
Secretary. Mr. Louis A. Bauer

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Mr. Clifford K. Berryman
Term Expires 1925

Mr. Charles Moore
Miss Leila Mechlin
Term Expires 1926

Mrs. Harriet R. Davis
Mr. Robert S. Yard
Term Expires 1927

Committee on Literary Exercises
Miss Leila Mechlin
Mr. Erwin F. Smith
Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis
Mr. Tyler Dennett

Committee on Places of Meeting
Miss Helen Wright
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory
Mr. Charles Moore

Committee on Special Invitations
Mr. John C. Merriam
Mr. Frederick V. Coville
Mr. Mitchell Carroll

^[[W.H. Holmes made an Honorary Associate in 1925,]]
Honorary Associates

Mr. A.W. Greely,  Cosmos Club
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Mr. Langdon E. Mitchell,  DeLancy Place, Phila.
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Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis,  1931 Nineteenth St.

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Miss Ellen Day Hale,  1748 N St.

Mr. William H. Holmes,  1454 Belmont St.
Mr. William Bruce King,  1822 Wyoming Ave.
Mr. William Mather Lewis,  3021 M St.

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Mr. John C. Merriam,  2400 Sixteenth St.
Mr. George P. Merrill,  1422 Belmont St.
Mr. Charles Moore,  1719 H St.
Miss Helen Nicolay,  The Woodward
Mr. Theodore W. Noyes,  1730 New Hampshire Ave.
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Miss Isabel Sedgley,  2406 Massachusetts Ave.
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Miss Florence P. Spofford,  The Woodward
Mr. Wendell P. Stafford,  1725 Lamont St.
Mr. Charles Clinton Swisher,  1810 Kalorama Road
Mr. Harvey W. Wiley,  2345 Ashmead Place
Mr. Tom Williams,  1746 K St.
Miss Helen Wright,  The Cordova
Mr. Robert Sterling Yard,  The Dresden

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NOTE--The Executive Committee desire to remind the members of the Society that (except by permission of the hostess of the evening) they are at liberty to bring to its meetings only their wives, or, in the case of lady members, their husbands or escorts. The Constitution does not allow members to send substitutes in their absence.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.
WASHINGTON.

SEASON OF 1888-9.

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SECRETARY, - - [red underline] MR. A.G. HEATON.

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MR. E.A.FAY.

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MISS KATE FOOTE,
MISS ANNA L. DAWES,
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[[red underline]] MR. A.. GRAHAM BELL.

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[[in three columns]]
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[[red underline]] MR. E.C. [[changed from E.P.]] MESSER
MR. W.H. HOLMES.

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My dear Dr. Holmes,

It is my privilege to inform you that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Literary Society last evening, you were unanimously elected

Elected [underlined] "honorary associate" [underlined]

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an Honorary Associate of the society.

With kindest regards and best wishes both to Mrs. Holmes and yourself,

I am,
Sincerely yours,
Louis A. Bauer,
Secretary,
Literary Society
THE LITERARY SOCIETY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Season of [underlined] 1900. [underlined]

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Season of 1899-1900

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April 7th, . . . . . Mr. J. W. Powell.
April 21st, . . . . . Mr. W. H. Holmes.
May 7th, . . . . . Mr. G. R. Stetson.

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March 23, 1925.

My dear Mr. Bauer:
I have your favor of March 15th notifying me of the action of the Executive Committee of the Literary Society in making me an Honorary Associate of the Society.

I appreciate this very generous and considerate action, since I had come to realize that due to my failure to attend the meetings my name must be dropped from the roll of the Society. I am now glad to have the opportunity of letting the Society know that my failure to attend the meetings was not due to any lack of appreciation of the honor of membership or of the pleasure of association with my long-time friends in literary work, but the time has come to limit the range of the activities in which I have had the privilege of engaging during fifty-four years of residence in Washington,

You will understand, also, I am sure, that the gradual failure of Mrs. Holmes' health has robbed social activities on my part of their reason to be.
Please convey to the Executive committee my sincere - my grateful appreciation of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Louis A. Bauer,
301 The Ontario
Washington, D.C.
St. Louis, June 3, 1903.

Mr. William H. Holmes,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

It gives me pleasure to inform you that at the May meeting of the Advisory Committee of this organization you were unanimously elected an honorary member of the Missouri Historical Society.

Congratulating the Society that it has added your name to its list of members, I am

Respectfully yours,

[signed] George F. Mockles
Secretary.
November 2, 1904.

Prof. W. H. Holmes,
1444 Stoughton Street.

Mr dear Sir:

The annual meeting of our Archaeological Society occurs on Saturday, the 19th instant. We should be very much gratified if you will give us, say, a ten minutes talk on the meeting of the Council of the Institute in New York in May last and on the general work of the Institute for the past year, similar to the report made by Dr. Adler at our last annual meeting.

I have the proof-sheets of the Annual Report of the Institute and some other matter which I will be glad to send you, if I am advised that you will undertake the statement desired. You may probably be able also to add some thing concerning your visit to the meeting of the Americanists in Europe this summer.

Very truly,

Wm W. Foster.

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Worcester, Massachusetts,

23 October, 1905

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, that at a statue meeting of
The American Antiquarian Society,
held at *[[Worcester]]* on the *[[21st]] inst., you were elected a member
of that Society.

I am, Sir,
Yours respectfully,

*[[Charles A. Chase]]*
Recording Secretary

*[[William Henry Holmes]]*

Will you gratify the Society by forwarding to me a notice of your
acceptance, as early as may be convenient?
January 28th, 1915.

Mr. William H. Holmes,
The National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We find in going over our membership list that you are a member both of the Washington Society of the Fine Arts and of the American Federation of Arts. These memberships entitle you to a subscription to Art and Progress. As you will probably not wish to have two copies of the magazine, we write to say that if you care to have one of the copies sent to a friend and will send us the name and address, we will be very glad to forward it regularly.

Thanking you heartily for your interest and cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

Leila Mechlin
Secretary.
1915

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We take pleasure in sending you the appended notice, which was printed in the September 1916, p 235, number of The Geographical Review, the monthly magazine published by the American Geographical Society. The favor will be highly appreciated if you will send to the Society, for notice in the Review and to be added to the Society’s library, any geographical work you may hereafter publish.

Practically all books, pamphlets, reprints and maps accepted for the library are reviewed, noticed, or listed in the bibliographical department of the Review. The bibliographical department presents a comprehensive record of publications of geographical interest. The Review reaches all of the professional geographers of the country and the universities and colleges that give instruction in geography.

The subscription to the Review is five dollars a year; single numbers, fifty cents.

Dr. William H. Holmes, chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology has been made Corresponding Associate of the Academia Nacional de Historia de Colombia.

Have you any particular reason to subscribe officially? WH

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American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Sir:
A Meeting of the Academy will be held at its House, No. 28 Newbury Street, Boston, on Wednesday, the 14th of October at [bold] eight o'clock P.M.

CHARLES BURON GULICK,
[italics] Recording Secretary [[/italics]]

BOSTON, October 7th, 1925

Introduction of recently elected members.

PRESENTATION
The Rumford Medal will be presented to HENRY NORRIS RUSSELL.

COMMUNICATION
MR. HENRY NORRIS RUSSELL: "The Present State of Theories of Stellar Evolution."
The following are the latest numbers of the Proceedings:

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AN ADDITIONAL HONOR FOR PROF. W. H. HOLMES

Professor William Henry Holmes, Art Editor of Art and Archaeology, and one of the very foremost figures in American archaeology for many years, was recently the recipient of an additional honor in his election by "enthusiastic, unanimous acclaim" to honorary membership in the French Alpine Club. The Club's President, M. S. Régaud, in his letter of announcement, says: "The General Assembly of the F. A. C. has desired to honor in your person the man of science who has devoted his entire life to the study of the mountains, of their phenomena and of their beauties M. de Margerie, president of the Commission of Scientific Works of the F. A. C., in recalling all your titles before my colleagues, moved our feelings by the remembrance of all the great and fine things you have accomplished. We have not forgotten the beautiful panorama of the Grand Cañon of the Colorado which appeared in our Annual some fifty years ago."

The minute of the Society recording Prof. Holmes's election is as follows in translation:

FRENCH ALPINE CLUB
General Assembly of Sunday, March 25, 1926
"M. Emm. de Margerie submitted to the Assembly for election as honorary members of the French Alpine Club, the names of Messrs. W. H. Holmes, of Washington (United States), and Maurice Lugeon, of Lausanne (Switzerland).

"The former, in spite of his advanced age - he was born in 1846 - is still at the present time Keeper of the Gallery of the Fine Arts in the Museum of Washington, after a career devoted entirely to art and science; that is to say, in some measure an American Schrader.

"By turns, or rather simultaneously, draughtsman, geologist, explorer, archæologist, he was connected for many years, first with the survey of the Territories, directed by Dr. Hayden, then with the Federal Geological Service and with the Bureau of Ethnology.

"We are indebted to him for magnificent drawings representing the region of the Rocky Mountains under all its aspects. Moreover, he is the principal author of an atlas of the Colorado, published nearly a half century ago, and which remains on of the masterpieces of the cartography of the New World. But his greatest title to glory is in having revealed to the public, in plates of marvellous exactitude, the splendors of the Grand Cañon, unsuspected up to his time. The members of the French Alpine Club have also been able to admire in one of our old Annuals, more than forty years ago, the reproduction of one of his panoramas, due to the ever so faithful talent of Lieut. Col. Prudent.

"The election of Messrs. Holmes and Lugeon, put to the vote, was adopted by acclamation."

"(A true copy: Emm. De Margerie)"

Gratifying as this honor is to all members of the Archaeological Society of Washington, and to the innumerable friends of the recipient, it is also worth remembering that Professor Holmes is not without honor in his own country. The value of his achievements in geology is attested by the fact that two important mountains in the far west have been named for him.
December 27, 1927.

To Each Honorary and Honorary Corresponding Member of The American Institute of Architects:

Dear Sir:

By action of the Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects, Honorary and Honorary Corresponding Members of the Institute will receive The Journal of The American Institute of Architects, beginning with the January number.

It is hoped that each of these honored members of the Institute will find The Journal of some interest, and worthy of a place on his library table.

In case this letter does not bear your correct address - in the lower left corner - or in case it is an incomplete address, please advise the Institute at The Octagon, Washington, D. C., in order that correction may be made, and in order that the January number of The Journal may reach you safely.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Kemper
Executive Secretary.
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Personal ^[[1926]]

The year 1926 is for me a most memorable on as it came near being the final chapter in my career. A sore foot developing into blood poisoning made the amputation of my left leg above the knee necessary. The two weeks in Emergency Hospital, however, found me all right again and I was soon at my desk at the Gallery as usual. The hospital experience was a most agreeable one, made so by my many friends who visited me constantly and kept my room fragrant with no end of blossoms.

The year 1925 was also marked by the death, after a most painful illness, of Mrs. Holmes and the consequent desertion of the home on Belmont Street. The place was offered for sale but there were no purchasers, the much boosted real estate market having collapsed the year before. Mrs. Holmes' sister, Agnes Osgood Clifton, kept house for me for a few months, after which I took rooms at the Cosmos Club where I have lived ever since. ^[[July 1932]] The Belmont Street house at this date, July 1929, is occupied by my bachelor son Osgood.

^[[ Summer of 1929-1930 I have been on duty at the gallery every day save Sunday 1929 + 1930 WHH

Jan 1931 I am still at my desk. July 1932]]
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Annual Reports, not official, Field Columbian Museum, 1895-6-7.
Annual Reports, not official, University of Chicago, 1874-7.
N.B.---
To this list of papers by W.H. Holmes there should be added introductory matter to the annual reports of the Bureau of American Ethnology for the period during which he was Chief.

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VII. The Chicago Venture, University Exposition, Field Museum, Yucatan, Return to Washington, 1892-97.

VIII. Cuba with Powell; Jamaica with Langley; Mexico with Gilbert and Dutton; California with McGee; Physical Anthropology, Hrdlicka, Current Work 1900.

IX. Chief Period, Bureau of American Ethnology, 1902-1910; Visits to Stuttgart and Chile 1908.

X. Transfer to the Museum June 10, 1910, the Guatemalian Trip, Powell Monuments, Seventieth Birthday Celebration, 1920.

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Contents of envelope:
v.1 Letter announcing honorary membership in the Sociedad Cubana de Historia, and reply.
Certificate to represent SI at the 15th Int. Congress of Americanists.
Acknowledgement of donation to Science and Art museum, Dublin.
Sr. Profesor William H. Holmes,
Washington, D. C.
Honorable Profesor
La Sociedad Cubana de Historia Natural "Felipe Poey", a propuesta de su Sección de Antropología por unanimidad lo ha nombrado a Ud. SOCIO HONORARIO; y le ha decernido ese título en atención a los antecedentes que en Ud. concurren de "Arqueólogo de fama mundial, que fué durante muchos años Jefe del Bureau Etnológico Americano, estrechamente unido a la célebre Institución Smithsonian, y después Conservador Jefe de toda la Sección Antropológica del Museo Nacional; y ha prestado relevantes servicios a la ciencia que trata del hombre del nuevo mundo, con muestras múltiples y valiosas producciones intelectuales y la admirable organización que ha impreso al gran Museo con su larga y no interrumpida labor coronada por el éxito más evidente".
Con gran satisfacción comunico a Ud. el acuerdo de la Sociedad Poey y sus mejores deseos por su bienestar. Y con la más respetuosa consideración, queda de Ud. muy atentamente.
El Presidente
Dr. Carlos de la Torre y Huerta
Sociedad Cubana de Historia Natural
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Habana

write my appreciation of the honor
Dr. Carlos -----  

I have particular pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your communication of May 30 announcing my election to honorary membership in the Sociedad Cubana de Historia. It is most gratifying to be recognized by your Society in having although I must tell you that officially I am a deserter of that great field of research and am devoting the remains of my years to art. With high appreciation of the honor conferred upon my by my neighbors of the fascinating island of Cuba, I am 

Very truly yours,
Washington, July [18], 1906.

I certify that Mr. William H. Holmes, Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology, and Honorary Curator of the Division of Prehistoric Archaeology in the United States National Museum, has been designated as the representative of the Smithsonian Institution, the United States National Museum, and the Bureau of American Ethnology at the Fifteenth International Congress of Americanists, to be held in Quebec, from September 10th to 15th, 1906.

[[signature]] Richard Rathbun
Acting Secretary.
Department Of Agriculture And Technical Instruction For Ireland.
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The Vice President
has desired me to convey to
Mr. W. H. Holmes
his thanks for the undermentioned Donation to the Museum.
Director of Science and Art Institutions.

Leinster House, Dublin,
10th day of December 1900

A series of the [?] of the Piney Branch shop refuse,
representing stages in the manufacture of [?]. Also photographs of
the side-where the specimens were stained.

Registered,
George Coffey
Dept. Irish Antiquities
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