

January 18, 1856

175. TO ELIAS LOOMIS

Smithsonian Inst  
Jany 18<sup>th</sup> 1856

My Dear Professor

Accompanying this letter I send you a copy of a communication I have just received from Mr Blodget<sup>1</sup> in which he alludes to you in terms which might lead me to suppose did I not know the man that you have complained of injustice.

If I have in any of my publications or references inadvertantly done injustice I shall be happy to embrace any opportunity which may offer to repair the wrong as far as I have the power.

I trust you do not countenance Blodget in the course he has pursued or that you have the least inclination to affiliate with a man of his character.

It has been my constant aim to conduct this Institution on the principles of liberality and justice and if in any case I have erred it has been from want of knowledge or a mistake of judgment.

Co-operation and not monopoly is the guiding motto<sup>A</sup> of the Institution and in all the transactions of the establishment selfishness and favouritism as far as possible have been discarded.

I remain very truly  
your friend & serv't  
Joseph Henry

Prof. Loomis  
New-York

Loomis Family Papers, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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176. FROM JAMES HALL

JANUARY 19, 1856.

DEAR SIR: While a student of the Rensselaer School, in Troy, New York, in August, 1832, I visited Albany with a friend,<sup>1</sup> having a letter of introduction to you from Professor Eaton. Our principal object was to see your electro-magnetic apparatus, of which we had heard much, and at the same time the library and collections of the Albany Institute.

You showed us your laboratory in a lower story or basement of the building, and in a larger room in an upper story some electric and gal-