

Peabody Institute

Baltimore Jan. 12, 1870

My dear Sir,

I was extremely glad to receive your note by Dr. Carpenter & to hear that your plans of improvements were not abandoned. I trust that you may yet make your College all you desire. I know, from experience, that great institutions must move slowly to move wisely. Our plans are gradually unfolding, and until quite recently we had intended to enlarge materially our buildings the coming season. I think now that we shall defer improvements in that direction for the present, and enlarge the internal ^{operations} ~~part~~ of the Institute, increase the number of the lectures and establish

the Gallery of Art. In that case we shall not build till we outgrow our present accommodations, which is not the case at present. In my estimation, the importance of a large fund for such an institution cannot be over-rated.

We enjoyed the visit of Dr. Carpenter to our city much, and he gave us ~~two~~ excellent and most acceptable lectures on the Oyster. He seemed to be full of matter to overflowing, & might easily, I am sure, have given twice the number of lectures on the same subject without exhausting it. I hope our good city will some day have a museum, but at present I do not see any prospects of it. Dr. Carpenter felt the want of it as much as you did.

I am sorry that Sir Wm. Logan
has never sent us the vols. of the
Geological Survey which he promised.

I still hope to visit your
city at no distant day, and shall
be sorry not to meet you should
I go next summer. I hope we
shall be able to hear you again
at our Institute at some early day.

Our work is growing slowly, but
is gaining on the people, and our
audiences are nearly double what
they were last year.

I hope Dr. Carpenter reached his
home safe and in time.

I am yours very truly
W. H. Morrison.

Dr. J. W. Dawson.

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