

Rev C M Blake

Washington, D. C.  
March 10, 1883.

Principal Dawson, LL.D.,  
McGill College,  
Montreal,  
Dom. of Canada.

My Dear Sir:

Filled with  
most pleasing memo-  
ries of the kind and  
right royal welcome  
you & the citizens of  
Montreal gave me  
of the Am. Socy of  
Science in 1857, I  
venture to intrude  
myself on your at-  
tention now for  
a moment as to  
the crank, "Pop. Vig-  
gans" of your vicinity.

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2) A year since we were in trouble from a similar monster from the North, who killed our beloved Pres. Garfield, and now for some two months the most weak minds have been in distress for & wide in the States from this "pestilent fellow" Higgins. We think he deserves to die as an enemy, not a friend of mankind. I am a physician, sixty three years of age. It has been my fortune to have passed through cholera seasons, small-pox scares, through two wars, through Indian campaigns, leprosy in California & Palestine, &c. But as a man of science

3/ end of common sense & of history  
at history

3/ and of common sense, I ~~do not~~ <sup>do not</sup>  
regret my month spent & been idle,  
unless I could readily benefit the  
public by speaking & publication.  
I do not do so, & you, and all the  
rest remain of course, & believe, in  
all the civilized world.  
Do not bring any "giving man;  
"question" against the neighbors of Con;  
and you, where you live so many great  
& talented friends from the Atlantic  
to the Pacific. Why have you in San  
Francisco, California. You have honor;  
not my first edition, Col. Albert Rogers,  
C. S. by a high position on your terms.

contidential R. R. And we  
love & esteem you as most  
excellent good neighbors.

But when I see the  
mischief wrought by  
big game, allow me to  
say that the best people  
I meet East, agree fully  
with my own views &  
that he deserves severe  
punishment as an ene-  
my of our kind.

Hoping to have the  
pleasure of meeting  
you in person next  
Summer, I beg to remain  
Dear Sir with profound  
respect.

Your friend & servant,  
(Rev) Charles M. Blake, M. D.,  
Post Chaplain, U. S. Army,  
Memb. Philad. & San Francisco  
Acad. Sciences, &c. &c.

P.S. Allow me to add that  
Col. Rogers is undoubtedly  
a direct descendant of  
Rev. John Rogers the Martyr  
of 1555, in London. His an-  
cestor Thomas Rogers in 1620  
- 65 years after the death of his  
founder - came in the Mayflower.

57) My countryman and  
collaborer in W. E. Hist. Soc.  
Society, who lately  
died in London, 1884,  
- Col. Joseph Sewall  
Chester - in his "Life  
of the Martyr", 1861 -  
while I was busy in  
our Civil War - so  
strangely omitted all  
mention of these earliest  
Rogers immigrants  
to Massachusetts.

On the recovery of  
my health after the  
war, 1880, I visited Col.  
C. in London, and  
gave ample testimony  
before him to  
show that Thomas  
Rogers & Joseph Rogers,  
the Plymouth Colonists  
of 1620, father & son, were  
the son & gr. grandson of the  
martyr Rogers, his widow,  
Adriana de Weiden, nee  
of Amsterdam, having in  
1555, returned to Holland,

6) with her young family  
— all the eldest children,  
born 1538 — 1554, mostly  
in Holland & Germany,  
whence Thomas & Joseph  
sailed with the Pilgrims for  
America, as above. I beg  
you to search these details.

Yours truly  
C. W. B.  
I will write  
me at 18 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.