

June 30 1915
Joseph Leidy to W.O.
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The Fresh Water Rhizopods of North America
by Joseph Leidy, (Prof. Anat. U.S.P.) Washington 1879

W.O. to Prof. Leidy, to W.O.

The field of origin, was closely allied to that of the two, but engaged in 18 years before which might have proved equally fruitful, viz Diatoms, Desmidiæ, Infusoria, Rotifera Entozoa, Trachea & Oligochaete insects.

The Rhizopods are the lowest & simplest forms.

Are they not the same as Polyzoans?

I must have drawn the two men together. It is possible that what de Schimper & some of Leidy (in his JNH, West Club paper Jan 15 1917) says of "those whose careers had originally started in research work subsequently abandoned" may have been W.O. in mind.

The origin of the two was truly every one the possibility of such a connection - when he saw Leidy's inimitable drawings - although he was quite incapable of.

The drawing is inserted in the volume as if a monograph generale (drawn on the back of a Penn Club card of invitation ^{which} is scribbled with notes describing the best

The Letter →

From Joseph Leidy to W.O.

Narragansett Pier,
Rhode Island
or 1319, Locust Street.

June 30, 1915.

My dear Doctor,

Your note was forwarded to me here at Narragansett where I expect to be until the fall. I am sorry your note did not reach me before leaving - I have only the enclosed with me, one of the few drawings which I possess as all others have been sent to Dr. Nolan and placed in the collection of the Academy of Nat. Sci. I have promised you some manuscript and this I will see that you receive on my return - although I must confess I was somewhat concerned sending it under present conditions. I am also much interested at your reference to the Biological Club. Mitchell never would give me anything in writing though he promised many times to do so.

Are you too busy to jot down a few notes of your own impressions of him - when you all met around that never-to-be-forgotten

(over)

board. I very much fear that the lack of literary style in American even among men of intellectual power - is responsible for the poverty that exists among our biographers. Won't you put in a few sentences or as much more as you choose - your recollection of the Biological gatherings, such that I may use in my reference to the Club - in my biography. It is practically finished, and I have wished many times you were here that I might consult you. I have a mine of very interesting and very valuable material from a tinctorial standpoint .

Always yours sincerely,
JOSEPH LEIDY.

From Joseph Leidy to W.C.
Knox Island
or 1019, Beach Street.

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Cf. the important letter from Joseph Leidy of June 30 1915 -
which should refer to here or else with the Biolog. Socy -
occurred in the Philadelphia Journal

perhaps soon

Also Trichomonis Mar. 1899.

Had W.D. met a man Eric Huxley, Leidy, ^{perhaps} Agassiz he
would certainly be gone as with his Biological studies as soon he
could withdraw and soon was led into other fields for to show when
in contact with people and for him we must be a
Cabanis life.