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Alexander Hamilton Rice

A Nod to Ham Rice

The story has been told of how **Alexander Hamilton Rice**, A.B. 1898, M.D. '04, in 1929 offered to build Harvard an **Institute of Geographical Exploration** at 2 Divinity Avenue if in return he was named its director and appointed a professor; how President A. Lawrence Lowell and the Corporation accepted the deal, perhaps in deference to Mrs. Rice's money, she being the former Eleanor Elkins Widener; how academic politics smote Harvard's geographers and geologists; how President James B. Conant, declaring that geography is not a university subject, scuttled the geography department in 1948; how Rice, piqued by this dissing of his discipline, withdrew his support and went back to Eleanor's 65-room Newport cottage in his chauffeured, blue Rolls Royce; and how Harvard closed his institute in 1952 and installed in its place the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the department of East Asian languages and civilizations, whose personnel may have been puzzled about why the bas-relief globe above the building's entrance shows North and South America, rather than Asia ("Harvard, Bring Back Geography!" by Edward Tenner, May-June 1988).

Two Divinity Avenue was designed by Horace Trumbauer (hon. A.M. 1915), the architect of Widener Library. Construction and maintenance funds were donated by **Dr. and Mrs. A. Hamilton Rice (formerly Mrs. Widener)**. Marble plaques representing the signs of the zodiac adorn the exterior of the building, and over the entrance is an Aitoff projection of the world. The building's two guardian lions were given to the Harvard-Yenching Institute by Polly Thayer Starr, in memory of her parents Ezra Ripley Thayer (Dean of Harvard Law School from 1910 to 1915) and Ethel Randolph Thayer, who brought the lions from China. In the main corridor hangs a picture of Charles M. Hall, the discoverer of the process for commercial production of aluminum.

William Townsend Thorndike

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TOM CABOT

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Thomas Dudley Cabot, the longest serving member of the MIT Corporation, died June 8 at his home in Weston at the age of 98.

Mr. Cabot, a Life Member Emeritus of the Corporation who was first appointed as a term member in 1946, regularly attended meetings of the trustees until shortly before his death and marched in the 1994 Commencement procession.

In fact, Mr. Cabot, who was director emeritus of Cabot Corp.,

manufacturer of petrochemicals, still went to his Boston office at 75 State St. from his home in Weston on a "very regular basis," according to a company spokesperson. "I manage to find something to do," he said in an interview in 1992.

MIT Chairman Paul E. Gray and President Charles M. Vest took note of Mr. Cabot's 95th birthday in 1992 in a letter they sent to him. "We count ourselves fortunate indeed to have your continued participation in the MIT Corporation meetings," it said. "The fact that you take an interest in the many issues associated with the governance of the Institute is deeply inspiring to your MIT trustee colleagues and to us. Your wisdom and your support are always there when needed."

Although he played an important role in MIT's affairs, and with other family members was an MIT benefactor, Mr. Cabot did not graduate from the Institute. He took courses at MIT when it was called Boston Tech and located on Boylston Street, Boston. The courses-which included thermodynamics, aerodynamics and shop practice-were taught by faculty members with joint appointments at MIT and Harvard. He was enrolled at Harvard and received his bachelor's degree in engineering there, cum laude, in 1919.

His father, Godfrey Lowell Cabot, attended MIT for one year in 1877-78 and graduated from Harvard with a degree in chemistry in 1881. He also served many years on the MIT Corporation starting in 1930, and became a Life Member.

Still another member of the family is currently a Life Member of the Corporation. He is Thomas Cabot's son, Louis W. Cabot, a Harvard graduate and also a director emeritus of Cabot Corp.

Thomas Cabot was born in Cambridge into one of Boston's oldest families on May 1, 1897, the son of Godfrey and Maria Moors Cabot. On graduation from college, he entered his father's business in West Virginia. He expanded it to other states and eventually into foreign countries while broadening the fields of its interest into a diversity of products. The company now is the leading producer of carbon black-the material that helps produce automobile tires, paint and printing ink-and a supplier of raw materials to a variety of industries, with annual sales of \$1.7 billion.

Mr. Cabot, with 49 unbroken years of service to MIT, was elected a Life Member of the Corporation in 1951 and Life Member Emeritus in 1972. He served on many of the Corporation Standing and Visiting Committees and served a number of terms as chairman of Visiting Committees. He also took on additional tasks as they arose.

In 1960 he established the Thomas Dudley Cabot Scholarship Fund as part of the permanent endowment. There have been other gifts in his and his family's name and, in 1977, members of Mr. Cabot's family honored him by endowing the Thomas Dudley Cabot Institute Chair.

He has also served the government in a number of capacities. In 1951 during the Korean War President Harry S. Truman appointed him director

of International Security Affairs in the Department of State, in charge of rearming Europe.

A former president of United Fruit Co., Mr. Cabot also served on the boards of a number of institutions in the industrial, educational and philanthropic fields. He held honorary degrees from several universities, including Harvard, where he served two terms as an Overseer.

A man of action since his days as a flying officer in the Army during World War I, he was a trophy-winning sailor whose latest book was *Avelinda: The Legacy of a Yankee Yachtsman*. His love of the outdoors also included canoeing, skiing, hiking and camping. In 1934, he co-authored *Quick Water and Smooth*, the first canoe guide to New England rivers. He had been president of both The Appalachian Mountain Club and the Harvard Travellers Club.

Services were held June 14 in Harvard University's Memorial Church.

He leaves his wife, Virginia (Wellington) of Weston; four sons, Louis W. of Boston, Thomas D. Jr. of Greenwich, CT, Robert M. of England and Edmund B. of Belmont; a daughter, Linda Black of Cambridge; 29 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Source: <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/tt/1995/jun21/40389.html>

CONVOCATION AWARDS

University of Newfoundland

THE CAPTAIN ROBERT A. BARTLETT SCIENCE AWARD

As a spontaneous expression of their admiration and affection for a man who has a lasting place in the history of polar exploration, the Explorers' Club of New York and two kindred organizations - the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia and the Harvard Travellers' Club of Massachusetts - donated a sum of money to this University, as a memorial to Captain Bartlett. The University has placed this money in a trust fund, the interest on which is the value of the award. It will be based primarily on academic excellence. Consideration may also be given to the demonstration of the spirit of scientific exploration. The award is made annually to a student graduating in Science, on the recommendation of the President.

Source: <http://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/ScholarshipsConvocationAwards.htm>

"This Old House' Host To Speak

In Findlay/L Steve Thomas, host of the weekly PBS TV show "This Old House," will speak in Findlay at 8 p.m. next Thursday in Central Auditorium.

In his talk and slide show, Thomas will give the audience a behind-the-scenes look at recent "This Old House" projects. He also will show some of his own renovation projects,

and describe how tools and products are selected and how projects are chosen. Also included in the talk and slide show will be previews of what's ahead at "This Old House."

Local and area sponsors include Northwest Ohio Title Agency, Inc./Schuck Law Office, First National Bank of Pandora, Whirlpool Corp., Superior Kitchens, Bank One, Furrow, Re/ax Realty, the Ohio Bank, Hancock County Home Builders Association and the Historic Preservation Guild of Hancock County.

Tickets may be purchased at Northwest Ohio Title Agency, 101 W. Sandusky St., or by mailing a check for \$7 per ticket, payable to Northwest Ohio Title Agency Inc., to the same address. Seating is limited, but tickets may be available at the door as well. Tickets are also available at Finders Records in downtown Findlay.

Steve Thomas, 43, has divided his career among the renovation of historic building, writing, photography and sailing. In June 1989, "This Old House" executive producer Russell Morash selected Thomas from more than 400 applicants to be host of the popular show. In 1994, he was nominated for an Emmy.

Thomas got his start in house renovation as a child, working with his father to fix up the series of houses the family owned. He put himself through college painting houses and in 1974 he undertook his first renovation project, a 1920s residence in Olympia, Wash. He continued to work as a construction foreman and contractor in the Pacific Northwest until he moved to Massachusetts in 1980. Since then, among other projects, he has renovated an 1836 Colonial Revival and an 1846 Greek Revival residence in an historic seaside district north of Boston.

In the latter half of the 1970s, Thomas combined woodworking with his passion for the sea. He was first mate of a 100-foot wooden schooner in Greece, worked as marine carpenter in Antibes, France, and sailed a 43-foot wooden sloop from England to San Francisco via the Caribbean, Marquesas and Hawaii.

Thomas made his public TV debut in "The Last Navigator," which first aired on the Adventure series in July 1989. Both the program and the book of the same title are an account of Thomas' apprenticeship to Micronesian master navigator Mau Pialug, who taught Thomas the secrets of navigating without instruments, using only stars, waves and birds.

Thomas' most recent books are "This Old House Bathrooms" and "This Old House Kitchens," published by Little, Brown.

A native of California, Thomas received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. He is an accomplished photographer, a member of the Authors' Guild, the Association for Anthropology in Oceania, the Harvard Travellers Club and the East India Marine Society. He and his wife and son live in a 19th-century house he constantly renovates, in a seaport outside Boston./?

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Westwood, Mass.,

June 4th. 1932

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Mather

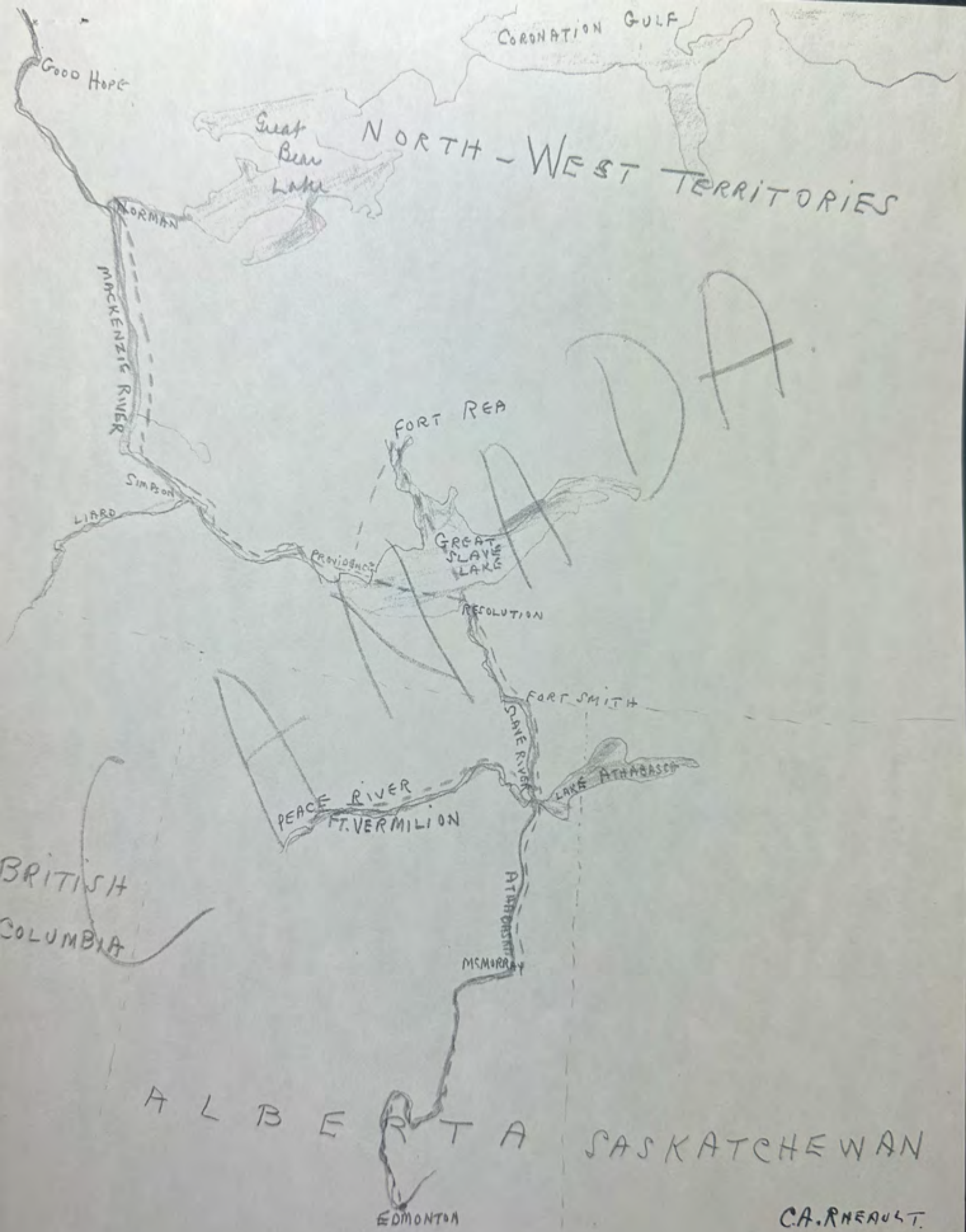
Harold J. Coolidge Jr Esq
Vice President, Harvard Travellers Club
School of Geography
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coolidge,

Further to our telephone conversation of this morning I enclose a rough map or rather a rough tracing for which I apologize showing my travels between the years 1914-1916. I have shown by means of a red dotted line the trips which I made in the Canadian north-west whilst an officer of the Royal North West Mounted Police, that is from Edmonton Alberta down to the Arctic Circle via Athabasca River, Athabasca Lake, Slave River, Great Slave Lake and finally Mackenzie River. On the Peace River I have only travelled from Lake Athabasca out to Fort Vermilion, Alberta.

I trust that this is the information which you require for your Club maps, but if there are other particulars needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With kind regards, I am, Yours very sincerely,
Hubert A. Phault



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Dear Mr. Wigglesworth
as you are sure
I thought you would
to see this
Very truly
H. S. Chenevort

Members anecdotes I have read this



E. Wigglesworth

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July 18, 1930.

Mr. Edward Wigglesworth, Secretary,
Harvard Travelers' Club,
41 Waldon Street,
Concord, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

I found your communications from the Club awaiting me in Cairo on my recent arrival there from the Belgian Congo by way of the Sudan and Khartoum, in the first batch of mail I had received for over three months.

Since leaving the United States, I have had a year of interesting experiences through Turkey, Irak, Syria and Egypt, where I met and conferred with the President Mustapha Kemal, King Feisal and King Fuad respectively. Six months were spent under canvas in East and Central Africa, including Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Belgian Congo, West Nile and the Sudan. My expeditions covered over 7,000 miles by two motor trucks and over 300 miles of hiking on foot. My two expeditions comprised at different times from one to four white men and from twenty to ninety blacks. I was quite as much interested in studying the native tribes and conditions, and photographing, as in hunting.

However, I netted a considerable general bag, including many species of antelope, two lions, two leopards and an elephant. We followed this elephant herd for seven days, covering 135 miles through jungle and elephant grass country. The tusks of the elephant I shot weighed about 63 lbs each, and each tusk was nearly six feet in length. A second elephant charged us and was dropped within 20 yards of where we stood, or only 1½ seconds away. This was very fortunate, or one or more of us would undoubtedly have kissed the world good-bye. This latter elephant was known by the natives throughout that part of the West Nile as a "rogue elephant" and the leader of all the depredations amongst their plantations and crops.

I made a special study of the pigmies, being the first white man on record to live and sleep in one of their villages, in the heart of the Eturi forest.

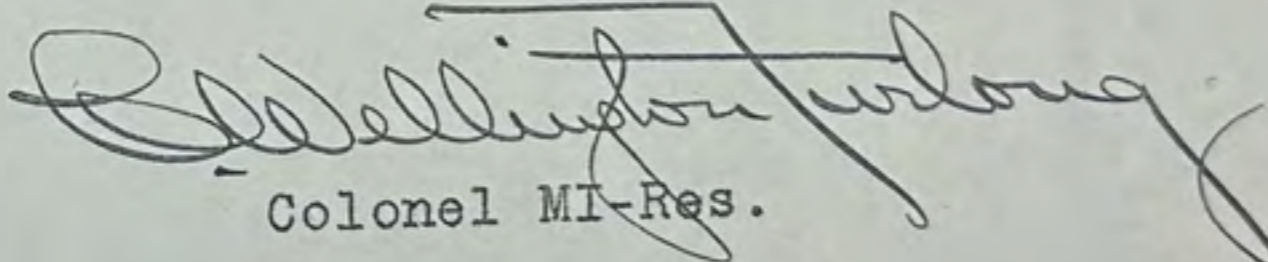
I also followed part of Stanley's old trail and secured some very interesting data relating to that explorer, including a bracelet and a splintered spear-head given by Stanley to a famous chief, Matubi, who helped him find Emin Pasha. These were secured from the chief's son, also other objects. I was fortunate enough also to locate an old native, the only surviving member of Livingstone's expedition, and who was one of those who carried Livingstone's body to the coast.

I shall try to find time to fill the record slip out for the Club in the next few days, but it will probably be too late for your going to press by that time.

The enclosed clipping may interest you.

I expect to reach the United States about the latter part of August, and shall look forward to meeting with you and my old friends of the Harvard Travelers' Club some time in early fall.

Sincerely yours,



Colonel MI-Res.

xxxxxxxxxx 209 Newton St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Apr. 29, 1932.

Mr. Harold E. Orendorff
c/o Institute of Geographical Exploration,
2 Divinity Avenue,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

*Boxes for Newman's
election*

Dear Mr. Orendorff:

I enclose herewith nomination blanks covering Ohl, Bird, Vaughan and Crockett, all of whom were elected at the meeting last night. Please send them notices. Quite a few things were decided on at that meeting and I would like to have a chance to talk to you about them before getting out the notices for the next meeting and the reports. I would appreciate it if you could get in some time on Monday or Tuesday of next week and let me know when you will come so that I can be prepared. I will at that time have a rough draft of the data that will be necessary. Probably Tuesday would be better than Monday.

I understood from Mr. Francis Colby that he had once been secretary of the Club but I do not find his name among the officers at any time. I wonder what the explanation is?

I also enclose the savings bank book for the auditor to check and return to me.

Very truly yours,

George A. Lyon.

G.A.L.-KAC

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MERIDEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

16th of Nov.
1915.

My dear Mr. Fay,

Here is the Harvard Traveller's Club blank, with the only change I have been able to make in my status as a traveller — a journey of seven miles to a new abode.

May I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy in the loss of your friend Cross? I knew him slightly & he seemed a thoroughbred. He died in a cause worth while — for the freedom of the world, and I for one am proud to have known him even a little.

Very sincerely,
Ernest Harold Baynes

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anecdotes

Pumpelly
no #

DR. HAROLD BOWDITCH
520 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
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OFFICE HOURS: 2 TO 4
AND BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE KENMORE 9000

17 December
1929

Dear Wigglesworth,

Among the list of "lost men" of
the Harvard Travellers Club I notice that of Ralph
W. Pumpelly.

Is not this meant for Raphael Pum-
pelly? The name Pumpelly is so rare that I think this
must be so.

Raphael Pumpelly is a queer stick.
He is the brother in law of Prof. Henry Lloyd Smyth,
456 Belmont St., Watertown, Mass., and of T. Mandasvd
Sabot who is at present abroad, I believe.

When last I heard of him he was
living in a cave on Mt. Monadnock, existing on blue-
berries and porcupines or the like.

I think that your best bet is to
locate him through Mrs. Smyth or Prof. Smyth.

If you get hold of Prescott Swain's
address please let me know, for he is one of the "lost
men" of my class, 1905.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Bowditch

Members
- Anecdotes

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From
1911-

Boston, Jan. 25, 1913.

Vilhjalmur Stefánsson, Esq.,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City,

Dear Sir;

Dr. Smith asked me to send the enclosed check to you. He hopes that you will pardon his carelessness in not signing it.

Very truly yours,

I did not discover the fact until I tried to cash it, and, now I am returning it to you for your signature or that of the treasurer.

I have been in the West the last two weeks, and while in Iowa I received a letter from Mr. Cabot asking me to come up to Boston. I had to telegraph him that I could not come, but so soon as I get my work in New York a little straightened out, I shall run up to see him.

Yours very truly,

V. Stefánsson

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, EN ROUTE.

January 20, 1913.

Dr. Wm. Lord Smith,
The Hermitage, 9 Willow St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Smith:

The Harvard Travellers Club check you sent the other day was all right, except for the little detail, that it was not signed. I did not discover the fact until I tried to cash it, and, now I am returning it to you for your signature or that of the treasurer.

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Yours very truly,

V. Stejneger

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Summer Address: Dearing Farm
Bethel, Vermont

September 29, 1948

Dear Mr. Fiske:

Our Encyclopedia Arctica, described in an enclosure, is aiming to be particularly strong on biographies. Would the Harvard Travellers Club be willing to help us in working out a list of the names of those of its members who ought to be mentioned and in trying to find someone to write them up? For such articles we are permitted by the Office of Naval Research to pay 2 cents per word, the usual Encyclopedia rate.

In this list of men who need biographies would be included not merely your very important northern figures, like W. B. Cabot, but everybody who has made any northern journey -- northern as defined in the enclosed reprint. For instance, the group of young men who went north with the Polar Bear in 1913 would all be mentioned; those who returned the same autumn would naturally get shorter articles than the ones who spent the winter.

This is strictly an arctic or northern Encyclopedia, so do not include any members of yours on the strength of their having been in the Antarctic; but of course we would use them in spite of their main work having been in the Antarctic if they had also done something in the Arctic.

If you will be so good as to collaborate with us, your first list will include everyone you can think of who has done anything in the north. When we receive this list we will immediately check off those whose biographies are already in hand, for instance Byrd and MacMillan (if they are both members). And of course we want not merely those who are now members but all who ever were.

We are asking scientific societies, including organizations like the Explorers Club and the Scott Polar Research Institute, to furnish us each their own story -- how, why, when and by whom they were organized, with a brief statement of their history as a whole and an expanded statement of their relations, in any way, with the region covered by Encyclopedia Arctica. We hope the Harvard Travellers Club will give us such a story of itself. For this the rules under which we work do not permit us to pay; we hope you will do it for the good of the cause. We have already received such stories from more than a dozen of the leading organizations and you will be in good company.

Anything you can do for us will be greatly appreciated.

[Signature]
Mr. Gardiner H. Fiske, Secretary
Harvard Travellers Club
48 Franklin Street
Boston, Mass.

Enclosure

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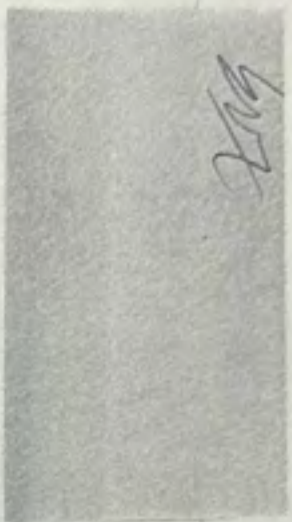
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NEW YORK Feb. 18, 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY



Dear Dr. Smith,

If you find the opportunity please convey to the Harvard Travellers Club my appreciation of the honor they have done me in electing me a Fellow. Give them my thanks also for their appropriation of \$200.00 towards the expenses of my expedition. I am at present carrying on some negotiations with the Canadian government and it is possible that the outcome of these will be such that I may have to submit my plans again to the Travellers Club and ask them whether they care to contribute the money under the altered conditions. For that reason please do not send me any money now. This about the Canadian government is semi-confidential in ^a ~~this~~ sense. ~~that~~ I ^(it must be kept out of the papers as long as possible) hope none of my friends will lose interest in the expedition as its future is still uncertain and I may need their help as much as ever.

V. Stefánsson

Dr. William Lord Smith, Sec.,
Harvard Travellers Club,
Boston, Mass.