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Washington, D.C.,

October 5th, 1895.

Dear President Gilman: -

On arriving here yesterday I find the Catalogue of the Exposition, which I so much desired.

The group of instruments of precision, which you especially wished me to report upon, is so meager that I cannot but feel that the most charitable report would be one of entire silence. This remark seems to apply even to all the related groups:.

Under these circumstances, I feel some embarrassment as to whether the Exposition should be saddled with the expense of my going thither, small though it may be. If you still think it best that I should go, I will be pleased to know whether I cannot arrange either to finish the duty before October 27th, or not to begin it until November 1st. A session of the National Academy of Sciences is to be held in Philadelphia on October 29th, and should I be within reach, I desire to attend it.

As I must obtain leave of absence from the Department to go to Atlanta, I should be much pleased to be made acquainted with

your frank and friendly views at your early convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

*S. Newcomb*

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