

hospitality.

Strange are the changes
in politics, even within the do-
main of science. I remember the
time, when W. B. Rogers had
scarcely a corporal's guard in
the standing committee, and
Hall was the successful candi-
date. And all this fight was a-
bout the crust of the earth. But
new and young men are now
in the ascendancy and Rogers
was unanimously elected Pres-
ident for next year. Buffalo is
the place. We have turned a
cold shoulder upon Philadelphia,
partly because we were afraid it
would turn too hot a shoulder upon
us. With kind remembrances to Mrs Gray
Yours most truly, J. L. Lovett

American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Detroit, Michigan ^{Lovett}
CAMBRIDGE, N.S. 15th 1875.

Dear Group:

I intended to have
sent you a line before leaving
Cambridge, to have assured
you and Mrs Gray of my
regrets at losing the opportunity
which you kindly put within my
reach of renewing my acquaint-
ance with Mr & Mrs Davis. I
waited patiently during the whole
afternoon and evening for a be-
laid interval (not mental but
meteorological), without any

success: and was tantalized, when
his time came, by finding it was
brilliant starlight.

I am having a very
pleasant time here. The meet-
ing, though not one of the
largest, is highly successful. The
material, if not superabundant,
is sufficient to occupy a full
week. We have now a double-
headed shot in the form of two
addresses from the Vice-President,
in addition to the address of
the retiring President. All three
were delivered in general session.
Leconte's address had no squint
towards Darwin, and Dawsons

was earnestly opposed to Dar-
winism. But Morse and Cope
had their revenge in the
section's. Morse, who is to be
the Vice of Section B next year,
will then have his great op-
portunity and will use it. The
hospitality of Detroit goes vastly
beyond that of any western
city the Association has visited
since the Chicago meeting; if
not in intention, at any rate
in the ability to carry it out
with elegance and taste. More
than the usual number of
ladies accompanying the mem-
bers to enjoy this abundant



Lovering, Joseph. 1875. "Lovering, Joseph Aug. 15, 1875." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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