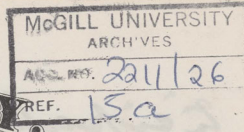


W. C. Chew

GEORGIC LIBRARY

Jan 7



WATKINS, SCHUYLER CO., N. YORK.

January 6th, 1870.

Sir,

I will beg to say, in opening
liberty of writing you, that for
many years I have observed
with great interest, not less than
with sentiments of profound ad-
miration and esteem, your very
brilliant and truly distinguisht
ed career in the world of Sci-
ence - as your valuable and
important labors in the rich
domain of Natural History -
your researches in the interesting
field of Geological and Pal-
aeontological studies, have
justly given you a pre-eminent
position among the scientific
men of our age; and I will
express at once the hope and con-

anticipation that you may continue, by your invaluable investigations, to meet with ample, well-merited success - and hereafter as laureates, rather the richest rewards, the noblest trophies of ~~abundant~~, enduring fame, immortal as the triumphs of Science itself. —

Permit me to mention here, that the Library under my charge embraces, among its special and most important departments, an extensive and valuable collection of works connected with the different branches of Natural Science including Reports of the Geol. Survey made in nearly all of the States of the Union, &c. &c., - and it becomes an object of particular interest to render this deptⁿ of our Library full and complete. —
I will beg your indulgence in ma-

king suggestion - which had oc-
curred to my mind - that if you
may have it at your conven-
ience to render the specific,
extending favor of contributing
to our Library the series, or por-
tion of your works - viz, "Acce-
dium Geology. The Geological Struc-
ture, Organic Remains, & Mineral Rem-
ains of Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick, & Prince
Edwards Island - 8^{vo}" - "Six Buothers
of the Coal-Period, A Descriptive Account
of the Remains of Land Animals found in
the Coal Formation of Nova-Scotia - 8^{vo}" - with
any other of your works - which would
be of particular interest, of inestimable
value in our Library for purposes of
research, and I need scarcely as-
sure you that the process from the
copyright would be gratefully ap-
preciated; - and, please write an in-
scription in any volumes which you
may be able to contribute our Library.

Please forward package, containing
any volumes which you may find
deserve accession to present our Libry,
per Express, directed: - Prof. J. Apolon Chenery -
Georgic Libray - Watkins, Schu-
ler County, New York - United States

I have recently been arranging a choice Al-
bum - for which number of my eminent Natural-
ists, Authors, Statesmen, Artists, &c. has contrib-
uted their photographs; and I would be extremely
gratified if you may please allow me honor
of enclosing to me your carte-de-visite, with your
autograph written below picture, and which I
may have pleasure of placing amid the illustrious
group, where this memento would indeed be
a treasure of priceless worth - and I shall
gratefully remember your valued kindness.

The Libry embraces a rare, & valuable Carte-
graffe-Souvenir; I suppose it would hardly
be at your convenience to confer additional plea-
sure of enclosing to me autographs of any eminent
Scientists - as Sir W. S. De La Beche - Humboldt
- Sir C. Lyell - G. S. Bonaparte - Baron Cuvier - ?

I think I had sent you, in 1862, my memoir
on "Anc. Monuments of West. N. Y." - I have been
engaged in researches relative to History of Central
N. Y. - The preliminary part "Hittite Sketches, &c. &c." has
not been sent - if the work will interest you, I will the
pleasure in sending you the completed History, when pub.?

I shall be very much gratified in your allowing
honor, & favor of writing me at your early convenience
will anticipate to hear from you soon. I am, Sir,
With great respect, your obedt. servt.
Prof. J. W. Dawson - J. Apolon Chenery.

P.S. - I will beg leave to suggest that
I had written, some two weeks since, to Sir W.
E. Logan, of your City, in regard to sending
the Reports of Geol. Survey of Canada to our
Library; and if it would be at your con-
venience to see that gentleman, and find
that he has not yet sent any picke's, but intends
to do so hereafter, for our Liby - perhaps you could
also include your own works, and forward
in some packet, to me. Truly Yours - J. C. C.

I enclose note - and, if you may think it
advisable to confer with Sir W. E. Lygon in
regard to sending picks to our Library - you
can please hand it to that gentleman.

Yours
W. E. Lygon

THE GEORGIC LIBRARY.

The intrinsic value of a *Library* does not depend so much upon the great extent of the collection, as it does upon its selectness, and due proportion of books relating to the various branches of knowledge; its interest and worth to the educated and cultivated mind, consists in the importance of the works which it includes, and in its completeness. The *Georgic Library*, which we have had some opportunity to examine, will illustrate the correctness of this proposition. *This Library* is, we believe, the most extensive collection of miscellaneous books—of works relative to History, Science, classical Literature, &c.—to be found within our county; yet the great value, the particular interest attaching to this *Library*, consists in the large number of antique and very rare volumes, as well as in the costly and magnificently illustrated books, in the unusual and great worth of the numerous tomes, and especially those connected with Natural History and the Fine-Arts, which it includes; and in these respects, it is doubtful whether the *Georgic Library* is rivaled by any other collection in Central or Western N. Y.

We have time to give only a partial glance, and to make very brief mention, of a few of the departments of this *Library*. The collection of works (in Folio, Quarto and Octavo editions) connected with the Physical and Natural Sciences, and particularly with Natural History and its associate branches of research, is extremely rich and extensive, and includes the elaborate and voluminous tomes, the standard works, of the more eminent scientific writers. Among distinguished *modern* authors, whose valuable works relating to the natural Sciences, including Geology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology, Conchology, Botany, Ornithology, &c.,—are embraced in this *Library*, we may name Silliman, C. T. Jackson, Liedy, Lyell, Owen, Whitney, Wilson, Foster, Hitchcock, Lea, Shepard, Shumard, Meigs, Morton, Warren, Darlington, Le. Conte, Torry, Bancroft, &c. &c.; in Surgical and Medical Sciences, among other volumes relating to this subject in the *Library*, we notice the very able works of Dr. John C. Warren and Dr. J. Mason Warren, of Prof. Martyn Paine, LL. D., and of Dr. Biglow, Dr. Bowditch, &c. &c., The collection of works upon Natural Science is still further enriched by the series of Transactions, Memoirs, &c., published by a number of the principal learned Societies of America and Europe; the *Library* also includes the Reports of Geological Surveys made in various States of the Union; it likewise contains nearly all of the publications of scientific nature issued in connexion with various Departments of the General Government, between 1837 and 1865, embracing reports of explorations and surveys; (including Report of Pacific R. R. Survey, 13 volumes) of Naval expeditions, &c., The elaborate works upon Military Science and Engineering, Military and Naval Tactics, Fortification, Gunnery, Navigation, issued in connexion with the several Departments and Bureaux of the National Government. In this province of the *Library* might also be mentioned the Folio edition of the Fine Maps of the United States Coast Survey, the elaborate and beautifully colored series of Maury's Ocean Charts, beside some thirty quarto volumes of Maps.

In the department of History, embracing Ecclesiastical History, Biography, Archæology, &c.—the *Library* contains an extensive collection of important and valuable works; among these we will briefly mention the voluminous series of "Collections," Memoirs, etc, published by various Historical, Antiquarian, and Archæological Societies and institutions of America and Europe; the volume of the "Colonial History," "Documentary History," and "Journals of Leg. Council of N. Y. 1671 to 1775," together with colonial "Records" "Archives," &c., published by various States; this department of the *Library* also contains the classical works of the great Statesmen and Jurists of the Revolutionary period, with the best "Lives" of eminent Statesmen, Generals, Authors, &c., of past and present time; in the province of Archæological history, &c., this collection includes "Ancient Monuments of the Mississippi Valley," "History, condition and prospect of the Indian Tribes of the U. S." the "Illustrations of Stonehenge" (a scarce folio volume.) and many other interesting and profusely illustrated works upon Antiqui-

ties, classical Topography, &c.; we recall the names of a very few of the Historical writers whose respective works (in most instances the full series) are included in the *Georgic Library*: Sparks, Palfrey, Edward Everett, Haven, Abbott, Lossing, Bartlett, Schoolcraft, Silliman, Squier, Kennedy, J. G. Morris, Mayer, Lapham, Whittlesey, Hume, Macaulay etc., etc.,

In the province of Belles-Lettres, Bibliography, and the Fine Arts, the collection is particularly rare and valuable; we may mention, in instance, a Folio of large Engravings, numbering about a hundred steel-plates, from Paintings of the old Masters, beside some six other volumes, containing Engravings of smaller size; a Souvenir, embracing the Autographs of Washington, Jefferson, Trumbull (the Artist of Revolutionary fame) Andubon; Clinton, Webster, Wright, etc., together with original MSS. Poems, written by the most eminent poets of the present century;—several vols. of MSS. writings of eminent Authors &c., in rich antique bindings; choice editions of the works of the standard Poets, and Dramatists, (as the illustrated, folio edition of Shakspeare,) and other elegant copies of distinguished Poets; a fine collection of the works of eminent literary writers, of first-class Novelists, and including the works of R. H. Dana Sr., and R. H. Dana, Jr., Curtiss, Kennedy, and other standard Authors; the collection of books upon Bibliography, Literary criticism, Topographical Miscellany, is exceedingly rich and extensive, comprising several hundred volumes. The collection of books upon Law, is limited in extent, but most valuable and select in character; including works upon the principles of Constitutional Law, the Laws of Nations, &c., and we notice among these volumes a fine copy of Judge Sharswood's edition of "Blackstone's Commentaries."

But this article has already grown to much greater length than we designed, and we must leave several interesting departments (those connected with Physics, Pure Mathematics, Astronomy, Mechanics, Geography, Metaphysical and Moral Philosophy, etc.,) of this *Library* entirely unmentioned, at least, at the present time.

The *Georgic Library*, which thus affords such ample facilities for reference and study, for research and general reading, is under the efficient direction of T. APOLEON CHENEY, LL.D.; and the well-known ability and learning, the very extensive knowledge of classical and modern literature, the thorough acquaintance with all subjects connected with science, and the singularly-pure and cultivated tastes of Mr. Cheney, have fortunately been most serviceable in collecting and arranging an extensive *Library* of such a choice and scholastic character, of such an elevated literary and moral tone, and of such unusual and great historical and scientific value.

This *Library*, too, is situated in one of the most enchanting and picturesque localities which can be found in all this region; the residence of Mr. Cheney—*Sunnywild*—within a few rods from a beautiful and magnificent cascade of over a hundred feet in height, and still bordered by the luxuriant wildwoods, and also at short distance from the wild and romantic Glens, which have lately become so famous; and at the same time we have from this place the most fascinating and delightful view of the Seneca Lake and its surrounding scenery, which is afforded from any point in this vicinity—giving to this lovely panorama its finest artistic effect, and investing the placid waters of the lake, with the emerald woods which overshadow them, with the most gorgeous beauty; and in gazing from this classic retreat upon the exquisite and unequalled loveliness of this scene, stamped with all the freshness and wildness of Nature,—or, in consulting the rare and valuable works contained in the *Library*—which is free for reference or perusal,—the educated and refined mind will here gather a rich intellectual feast, and will often seek those delightful rural shades, and those richly stored alcoves, where a day may be passed so pleasantly, and with such great instruction and profit. We trust that this Institution,—as means of carrying out the noble and beneficent purposes for which it was established,—may continue to meet with deserved and ample success, and its secluded and classic bowers long remain the choicest and most charming retreat of those where intellect and sensibilities alike show the delicate impresses of literary culture and moral refinement.

—Schuyler Co. Democrat.