

The spirit of research and of academic freedom fortunately dominates Columbia University and gives both character and direction to its policies and work. I venture to say that if you should see fit to become a member of our academic society, you would be able to carry on your scientific work uninterruptedly and under excellent conditions, and that you would find your surroundings agreeable in high degree.

I venture, therefore, on behalf of my colleagues upon the Committee, to press upon you with earnestness the favorable consideration of the proposal which I now have the honor to make.

In order that you may be as fully informed as possible concerning Columbia University, I am sending you in separate packages by this post, a copy of the official history of the University, a copy of the annual catalogue for the last year (that for the current year being yet in the press), a copy of the annual reports for the last year, and a copy of the Statutes governing the University. I am also sending an Announcement of the work of the Medical School, and regret that similar Announcements of the Departments and Divisions in the Faculty of Pure Science which are likely to be of most interest to you are at the moment out of print.

Hoping for an early, and I trust a favorable, reply,

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,



President of Columbia University