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Dear Mrs. Richards:—

The circular regarding "What some Technology women have done" has been received; had I any long list of publications, degrees, appointments etc to write I suppose they had been sent ere this; in such a paper as is contemplated I suppose my work since graduation from the Institute counts for nothing:

For the sake of others whose work in the world has been similar to my own may I suggest that we bring or send photographs illustrating our work; to those of us who are not brilliant stars in the educated world it will be a comfort to look at our children's pictures - for they may become distinguished if we have not. But perhaps my suggestion is too

my enthusiasm for the learned women of the Institute to consider it at all. For I, meanwhile, to remain

Yours sincerely

Alice L. Fuller.

P.S. I really think if I could bring my baby to the annual meeting any body would be willing to accept many offers & many for the family of Emily & Fanny Fuller & Stephen & Stephen for work in the world.

Ethel Fifield Brooks 1900 A.B.
Mrs. Lawrence R. Brooks

Taught domestic architecture, Boston School of Housekeeping 1900-1902
Lectured on same subject, women's clubs
Married, Aug. 31, 1904.
Address, "The Architect and the House-wife", Lake Placid Conference on Home Economics, June, 1905
Daughter Shirley born July 7, 1906.
Chairman, Committee on Home and Club Study, Lake Placid Conference
Committee on Home Economics, N.Y. branch of A.C.A.
Director N.Y. branch A.C.A.

Please, ma'am, I hope this is not too late, and will you let me know about our A.C.A. in time for our directors' meeting Friday?

A plan is maturing to have for the annual meeting of the Institute of Technology Women's Association a paper on "What some Technology women have done."

Since there seems to have been little recognition of the amount of literary and research work that has actually been done, it is thought that a good article for the Technology Review can be made from this paper.

Facts about publications, degrees, and appointments, dates of studies abroad, notes with a word as to researches will all be interesting and valuable.

Please send information, at once, to Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE
FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH,
66TH STREET AND AVENUE A,
NEW YORK.

Nov. 5. 1906.

Dear Mrs. Richards, –

Prof. Sedgwick told me that out of ~~thirty~~ applications, I was one of five, ~~chosen~~. appointed to a scholarship in the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

I don't feel it anything to boast of. I'm in mortal terror of being sent home in disgrace!

With love,

Bertha L. Barker.

118 Charles St.,
Feb. 20, 1907.

Dear Mr. Richards,

Enclosed you will find the necessary data, from which you can choose whatever you wish to use.

Could you tell me just when Miss Mitting is expected to be in Boston? — She and Miss Kinne? I think you said both were expected?

Yours sincerely,
S. Maria Elliott

1895 – 96. Special Student in S. Maria Elliott
General Chemistry,
Biology,
Bacteriology,
Sanitary Science

Teaching:–
Private Classes in Home Economics:–
Teachers of Cookery,
Settlements,
Training Schools for Nursery Maids
Summer School of Home Science

Schools:–
Bacteriology, Sanitary Science and Home Economics:–
Classes in the Roxbury, Brighton and West Roxbury High Schools,
Chautauqua School of Domestic Science,
School of Housekeeping, Boston
Simmons College,
American School of Home Economics – correspondence school.

Literary Work:–
Contributions to
American Kitchen Magazine,
Boston Cooking School "
The House Beautiful,
The Chautauquan,
Journal of Education, etc.
and Domestic Science in Elementary Schools.

Books,
Household Hygiene
Household Bacteriology
Chemistry of Cooking and Cleaning (joint-author)
joint or revisor

Lectures:– Sanitation, Bacteriology, Household Economics –
Neighborhood and Mothers' Clubs,
Wells Memorial,
Women's Clubs
Cornell University – Short course in Home Economics.

Offices:–
Secretary and Treasurer } Lake Placid Conference on Home Economics
Bibliography Committee

286 Marlborough St.
January 6.

My dear Mrs. Richards -

The meeting yesterday was very interesting and I must thank you cordially for the pleasure of being present -

It should not perhaps go upon your records that Miss Frothingham was the first president of the W. E. Association -

Mrs. William Endicott

was the first president and Miss Frothingham, the third -

I am glad that you have that charming portrait of her.

Pardon my rather brusque reply when you kindly told me that my driver was waiting. It did not seem possible to leave just then and I had told the man that he might have to wait some time and that I should be responsible -

Sincerely yours
Benjamin Harrison.

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371 Harvard St
Cambridge - Dec. 19.

Mrs Margaret Hardon Wright -
M.I.T. '93 - '95 -
Studied in Europe from '95 - 1900.
history, design - languages -
Has exposed etchings and pen
drawing at the Salon ('99) at the
American Girls Club - and here
in America at the Penn. Acad.
at the Architectural League and
Boston Art Club.
Is making a specialty of
"book - plates" - ("ex libris")

(If there is any thing that is wanted
in this I am glad to furnish it -
Sincerely
Margaret H. Wright)

My dear Mrs. Richards, -

I received the notice of the plan for the annual meeting of the Institute Technology Women's Assoc., with the request that I send information to you about myself. I have never published anything and the only thing of interest about me is that I have been Professor of Chemistry at Wells College for

thirteen years.

I should like to hear the paper. It will be interesting. I hope that you are well and that work is pleasant this year.

Sincerely yours,

Elam A. Bliss.

Amherst.

Dec. 3, 1906.

Antioch Ill. Dec. 3, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Richards:

I write in reply to the circular letter sent for information. As you will know I have done nothing until of late.

I started in the W. L. in 1880 – taught cookery from then till 1892.

I designed the charts & plan of instruction which was first introduced into the public schools. Many cities all over the country have copied the home school chart & plan of instruction, substantially as I introduced it in School Kitchen No. 1 in 1886 – at Tennyson St.

Married in 1892 –

Teaching for ten years there was to a select few. Now

lecturing when I performing Professors on Domestic Science Professors

Paid – The Presentation of our Nature's Beauty &c. &c.

I have given a course for teachers each year, but increased this course – It covers a big, busy term. I have been very busy. The past four years I have been Professor to a high school & the Principal of the Richards School & Richards Academy since I came to

us. We should be so
glad to welcome you
at any time.
With best wishes to
your work.
Your affect. & devoted pupil
Amy Barnes Maynard.

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637 West 122nd St.
New York City,
Dec. 2, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Richards;—

I fear this note may prove too late for the purpose for which you requested it;— It may be of interest to state that I am now working at Columbia University (on a Barden Research Scholarship) on two subjects,— major — The Ferns of Japan — Synopsis, and Origin of Fern Flora of that Country; minor — on which I am putting scarcely less work as it is a

I was only a special student at the Institute of Technology - doing some work in Biology while an instructor in the Somerville E. H. S. - Prof. Ledyorich will remember me - and should it be convenient for you to tell him of my present work I think he would be interested.

Yours very truly

Mary Peele Anderson.

question of vital interest to me - Formulation of a Scheme of Nature-study adapted to the Needs of a Great City. - The research for the first subject is done at the Bronx Bot. Garden under Prof. Underwood; for the second at Teachers' College and the Speyer School - under Prof. Bigelow. - I have also had two years of graduate work at Chicago University in Botany - with Prof. Coulter, Dr. Barnes and Dr. Cowles. - For the two years preceding the present one - I was Instructor in Botany at Mt. Holyoke College.

Mills 24

East Dedham, Nov. 16, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Richards -

I am sorry I can add nothing to the report of literary and research work that has been done by Technology women. I have married since I left the Institute and we have three children whom we are endeavoring to bring up to do their duty in the world. My time has therefore been occupied in rearing my children and

keeping house. In this latter work I am always interested to hear what will add to the comfort and happiness of the family although it is not always possible to carry out all the ideas brought forward.

Sincerely yours

Mary B. Lockwood.

Lewiston, Me., Nov. 13. 1906

My dear Mrs. Richards:

I am sorry you have not yet received an answer to your request for information. I wrote you at once but I have just found my letter which was not mailed.

I regret that I cannot give you any interesting items for your annual meeting and for the Technology Review article. I have been working hard but I have had no opportunity for literary or research work. Since I have been in Lewiston I have had constant anxiety in consequence of illness in the family. Home cares have

absorbed all of my time outside of library hours.

I enclose a paper showing what I have been doing since I graduated from the Institute. Just after my graduation from Vassar College I was for three years in Europe. The years 1875-6 I spent in Paris, Switzerland and Germany, studying French and German with private teachers.

I hope you will have a very successful meeting. I should like to be there but it will not be possible for me to leave home, I think.

It is a regret to me that I could not see more of you when I was in Boston. I should have liked to know you better. I trust you and Prof. Richards

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are well. Will you please give him my kind regards.

Affectionately yours,

Caroline A. Woodman.

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1889. A.M., Vassar College.
1889-94. Instructor in Physiology at Wellesley College.
1895 — Librarian at Bates College.

Caroline A. Woodman,
M. I. T., Class of '89.

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1435 Euclid Street,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 7, 1906.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards,
Mass. Institute of Technology,

Dear Mrs. Richards,

In response to a request for information concerning my work, I send the following.

After the completion of a special course in Biology and Geology at the Institute, I taught for six months (as

a substitute) in the Lake Erie Seminary, Painesville, Ohio. Subjects:- Biology and Chemistry.

Taught one year (as substitute) in the Framingham State Normal School. Subjects:— Natural Science, - Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Physiology etc.

You know, I think, of my four and one half years' work as instructor in Paleontology at the Institute. I resigned that position to take up my present work, that

of assistant Paleontologist on the U. S. Geological Survey. No Civil Service examination for Geologist being held the year of my arrival, I passed the one given in March 1904, and received my formal appointment in May of the same year. All my time is given to research work in Paleontology, the results of which, owing to the nature of the position I hold (that of assistant) are not published over my name.

The following papers are published over my signature, all the work upon them having been done outside business hours.

"A new Cerroid from the Hamilton of Charlestown, Indiana. Am. Jour. Sci., 4th. ser., no 12, 1901, pp. 397-300, with Pl. V.

Marcellus (Stafford) Limestones of Lancaster, Erie Co., N. Y. Bull. 49, New York State Mus. Nat. Hist., 1901, pp. 139-181, with Pl. IX.

On New and Old Middle

Devonic Crinoids, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, vol. XLVII, 1905, pp. 67-84, Pls. XV, XVI.

Very truly yours,
J. Stuart Grove,
Chas. Wood.

10 Floyd St.
Winthrop Highlands
Nov. 7. 1906.

Dear Mrs. Richards.

The circular asking information about publications degrees &c. has been received. There is nothing that I can say in reply that is not contained in the Card Catalogue in the Morgan Phenny Room

I have written as far know

the Handbook of Invalid Cooking and various articles published in the Trained Nurse and some time ago one in the Popular Science Monthly.

I belong to various societies which probably is of no interest in this connection.

My name is in Who's Who and in the Cyclopaedia of Eminent American Women in the Biblio thèque Nationale. Paris. although I do not think I merit such honor.

Yours very truly
Mary Boland Pegingwd.

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Merry Mount Road -

Quincy.

My dear Mrs. Richards: -

The circular asking about the work of "Tech." women is at hand, and although what there is to say about myself is not interesting, I felt that I should respond to the request.

The course which I took while at the Institute was the first year Chemistry. I was at that time teaching in the Horace Mann School on Newbury Street and by hurrying from school it was possible for me to attend lectures and do the laboratory work.

In 1904 I was married and now I have a fifteen-months old boy to direct and look after. What knowledge of Chemistry I obtained has been put to the most practical use possible - that of housekeeping. The value of oxygen, the harmfulness of poisonous gases, the necessity of absolute cleanliness, accurate measurements in cooking, etc., ect, but it is the lessons of exactness which the study of Chemistry taught me which have proved the most valuable to me.

Very truly, Martha Kincaide Mackay.

November fourth.

Reynolds Hall, Whitman College
Walla Walla, Washington

My dear Mrs Richards. -

The communication in regard to "What some Technology women have done" is at hand. In reply, I would say that I have done very little to brag of.

In 1898 I wrote an article on the Bacteriology of Household Preserving" which was accepted by the New England Kitchen Magazine and published in the September number, I think.

For the last two years, I have

been a housekeeper in a Back Bay family of two, with seven maids, coachman and second man. Though my resolve was not purely that of a sociological study, the experience was a good one, as I was in the position to comprehend both sides of the question. And I did what I could to make the mistress and maids understand each other sympathetically — I am somewhat doubtful of my success, however —

In September I came here with my sister, Miss Helen Burr, who has taken the duties of Dean of Reynolds Hall, the larger of the two girls dormitories. All the girls come to Reynolds for meals — about eighty in number. I am not under appointment by the College, merely assuming my role — and in a position to make a sociological study of another phase of life.

I regret that I shall not be able to attend the annual meeting — many of the teas of the N.S.T. Women's association this year. I shall enjoy the comradeship of that meeting.

Sincerely Yours —

Alice M. Burr

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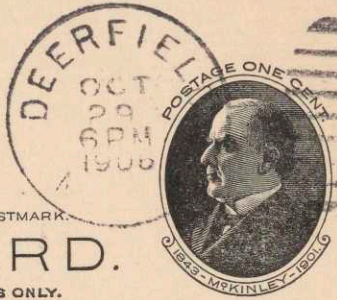
Oct. 29, 06

Dear Mrs Richards

I have rec'd a circular asking for information as to what I have done. I think you know what little I have accomplished. Mr D— is sick with a cold or I would write a letter. I was assistant in the Museum of Nat. History from 1890 to 1904; Prof. Hyatt's asst. and several years before 1890 — I have written ~~with~~ in collaboration with him "Guide to the ~~Stud~~ Science Teaching ~~VIII~~ — Insecta" Chiefly Clay Concretions of the Connecticut Valley. Guide to the Invertebrates of the Lyman Collection & Mus. B.S.N.H., and a number of papers



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Mrs. Ellen H. Richards
Mass Inst. Technology
Boston Mass

English High School,
Broadway, between Ellery and Trowbridge Sts.

Cambridge, Mass. Oct. 22 1906

Dear Mrs. Richards,

I do not wonder you think me neglectful of my duties, but I will tell you the reason briefly, and you will understand better.

For the last three years I have had added to my expenses, that of keeping my niece at college, and when she went I had to cut off every extra thing, among those came my club memberships, all of which I cut off except one. This last year my mother 84 years old had a long sickness, followed by her entrance to the hospital for operation, I had two expensive operations

and my niece had to come out of college to go to work. She has now a year & a half more & I hope then to resume all my old relations to everything, but you can see that I ought not to enjoy the luxury of giving when I am more than using my income. I am perfectly willing to say this frankly and have said it to a number of people, that I might not be misjudged.

As to the question of work, I am afraid I must be known solely by the work put into my boys & girls, there is little time for anything else. If I could only send some fine specimens of those that belong to me, I should be very glad.

Very cordially

Delia Stickney

Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Massachusetts. Oct. 22 - 1906 -

My dear Mr. Richards —

In reply to your letter received to-day - I am sending you a copy of my recent paper on river terraces - May I also add a word of explanation as Mr. Fitzgerald and others feel that the wording of my paper is rather too modest -

The large survey map - plate 7 - was surveyed entirely by myself - assisted only by an inexperienced rod-man - who carried the stadia - Furthermore all the plotting and drawing was done by myself -

Also the partition process of lateral movement of rivers and the resulting partition plain are en-

Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Massachusetts.

tirely original with me - and so far - geographers and geologists such as Prof. Davis of Harvard Dr. Gregory of Yale - have accepted the proven fact as welcome and valuable addition to our former knowledge -

Doubtless you know that I was made Associate Prof. at Wellesley last year - and of - Geology and Mineralogy.

I assist regularly Prof. Barton at the Teachers' School of Science and give many public lectures. This fall I give a course of four at the Gardner Women's Club - on Origin of the Earth Development of North America, Life History of a River

and the Topography of New England - at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences, Manchester N.H. I lecture on The Life History of a River - - I have also spoken at the Woman's Alliance in Manchester. at the Georgetown - Woman's Club; the Woman's Club at Brattleboro Vt.; at The North End Union - for Mr. Hubbard - and at other places. I speak upon Russia, Norway or geographic subjects.

I will apply for admission as a member of the Boston Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae -

Wellesley College,
Wellesley, Massachusetts.

This minute I am so situated that I cannot help that young woman at Tech - of whom you wrote. While at Tech - the only scholarship - or help I received so far as I know was a regular scholarship - given to some woman taking either Geology or Biology - and as I remember I refused it because no one else needed it.

Very sincerely
Elizabeth F. Fisher.

The Norman
Wellesley Mass.

Elizabeth S. Mason - A.B. Smith 1887.

88-89 } Student Mass. Institute of
90-93 } Technology.

93-96 Investigator, under direction of Mrs. R. H. Richards & Dr. Thomas M. Drown.

96 - Instructor in Chemistry Smith College. Specially Sanitary Chemistry.

after words

Report of Dr. Mary E. Jones
Vassar '82
M.D.T. '85

June 1882 A.B. Vassar College.
June 1887 A.M. Vassar College.
May 28, 1890 M.D. Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.

Received A.B. of Vassar June 1882 and the following fall entered Tech (had studied mathematics three one year before graduating at Vassar) and spent three years there joining the class of '85 in the "Course of Natural History"
I think it was called Course VII

Fall of 1885 went to Philadelphia for the study of Medicine.
June 1887 Received the degree of A.M. at Vassar
During 1888 & 1889 worked in Medicine in Boston at the North End, the "Boston Dispensary" & the "Free Hospital for Women" on Springfield St.
Fall 1889 went to New York to complete my medical work for a degree, and was graduated from the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary ~~on~~ May 28, 1890. May 29, 1890 Submitted to practice Med. by City Clerk
1890, 1891 Practiced Medicine in Boston and worked in Surgical work in the "Boston Dispensary".
Feb. 1892 Sailed for Europe and spent nearly 2 years travelling and working in the various Hospitals Abroad, in Medicine Surgery, Medical Gymnastics &c. from

Molde in Norway & Stockholm in Sweden even as far south as Palestine and Egypt - I worked for 6 months in Naples in the different Hospitals, having amongst my instructors Drs d'Antonia, Gallozzi, Dr Amicis & Morrizani, the latter being the accoucheur of the present Queen of Italy.

With one or two unimportant exceptions, the greatest courtesy and kindness was shown to me and rare opportunities for work were offered, and marvellous to say, without one cent of expense for the purely medical opportunities to my self.

Since returning to America, I have practiced medicine; been President of the Ladies' Physiological Institute two years, where I gave lectures and talks on medicine, Hygiene &c; and am at present one of the consulting Physicians of the "Home for Aged People" of the "Ladies' Unity Club."

Mary E. Jones, M.D.
8 James Street, Station A.
Boston, Mass.

GRAYCROFT
WEST NEWTON

Jan 3rd '11

My dear Mrs Richards

There has been a complication of work here since your note came, so I have only had a brief hour this evening in which to try to write what you were good enough to think worth writing and asking for. Please suppress it if it is not suited to your purpose. I believe a

circular which is more
detailed. With pleasant
remembrances very sincerely
yours

Julia M. Dutton

GRAYCROFT

This house offers rest with medical care and nursing to women, suffering from neurasthenia (or nervous prostration) who are in need of change of scene, quiet and freedom from responsibility.

At a distance of nine miles from Boston, having frequent communication by steam and electricity with the city, we yet have the advantages of a country life.

A fortunate choice has been made in the situation of this rest-house which is on a hill in West Newton, with wide views and fresh air.

Wide piazzas surround three sides on the ground floor. These, with two balconies on the second story, offer every opportunity for an out of door life in hammocks and reclining chairs, the open air cure being made an important feature of treatment.

While the rooms are large and homelike, and with no suggestion of an official institution about them, the house is small. This limits the number of rooms, making possible a deference to individual tastes unknown in a large sanitarium.

The medical treatment is homœopathic and we believe in the efficacy of our remedies when indicated. Realizing also that the soul forms the body we try to develop self-help and self-reliance and to give fresh courage and good cheer to discouraged women bewildered with strange sensations.

Prices moderate, varying with the room and the amount of attendance required. Liberal terms to teachers and professional women.

Reference by permission to Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew, President of the Educational and Industrial Union, 264 Boylston Street, Boston.

For further particulars address Dr. Julia M. Dutton, Otis Street, West Newton, Massachusetts, or 250 Newbury Street, Boston.

Nothing less than a direct request from Mrs Richards, whom we were early taught to obey, could make it seem possible that a report of our quiet work, here at West Newton among sick women, would be worthy of the attention of the Woman's Association of the Institute of Technology.

Briefly summed up my medical work has consisted of an effort to give a few teachers and other professional women, exhausted by the demands of modern life, the time to get well, free from the strain of monetary anxiety.

In 1895 a house was taken on the hill in West Newton and devoted to the care of Neurasthenia (or nervous prostration.)
The beds are few but they have been full most of the time since.

I will venture to quote from a notice of our work which appeared in the Transcript a year ago.

> The attention of teachers and professional women is called to a small **REST HOUSE** in the suburbs. It is unique in that the profits desired are not in money. Two women, one a physician, have established this House. Their gain, during seven years of work, has been in the satisfaction found in restoring women to lives of usefulness. The House is not used as a refuge for old age or incompetence. The patients pay the cost of maintaining the House, as any self-respecting person must wish to do, but there are no high-salaried officers to support. The motto, written in invisible letters over the door, is the old word of justice so hard to retain in this selfish world—"*From each according to her ability, to each according to her needs.*"

Long before Psychotherapeutics had a name we were practicing it at Graycroft.

A Wellesley professor, who was among our patients, once said, "This is nothing less than the making over of character."

It does take character to get well of nervous prostration. There is not always force enough to accomplish the feat, but it is a satisfaction to offer the chance.

Respectfully submitted

Julia M. Dutton

"The Benton" Covington Ky.

My dear Mrs. Richards,

Your note has followed me from place to place so long that I have received it too late, I think, for you to have an answer by the fifth. However the account of my work would I fear be of little interest. I have worked at intervals and for short periods, in different architects offices, until about eighteen months ago when I went

have a successful and enjoyable meeting of the association I am

yours sincerely.
Greta Guy.

James my third.

abroad. I travelled a great deal but most of the time I spent in northern France and in Italy, making long stays in the larger cities, and visiting many of the small towns. Besides enjoying my trip immensely, and benefiting by it in numerous other ways, I feel that it has added greatly to my architectural appreciation and knowledge, and will I hope, help me in the future with my work which I hope to take up soon.

Hoping that you will