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Dear Sir

I have received so many congratulatory letters, regarding my gift to the Min. Society, that I cannot answer them all individually.

If you can find space for the following for times, I will be much obliged.

Cal. Roebling desires to express his thanks for the grateful appreciation of his gift to the Min. Society from all over the country and Canada.

He is pleased that it has been his privilege to contribute to the advancement of this science - a science which is the gateway to the ultimate constitution of matter - "

I am now 89 y. of age - while I have not been a contributor to mineralogical literature.

(My time being taken up by engineering and business calls) I yet had a fair education in mineralogy at the R. F. S. in Troy N. Y. in 1856. Was quite expert in blow piping and the simpler acid tests -

The professor of mineralogy - Dr. Elderhorst, (himself a pupil of Wöhler) was my room-mate.

The old standards of chemistry were still in vogue then, and the optical properties of minerals were barely noticed.

When you ever acquire a love for minerals the hobby lasts a life time - During an extended period of illness, I found them my only solace -

My collection has grown until it numbers over 16,000 specimens - embracing particularly all the rare minerals in which I specialise, and a fair number of large show specimens - Having lost the use of my left eye I have to write as you

Yours sincerely,
Washington A. Roebling