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Dear Sir

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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 few lines, 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. P. 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 16000 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 so far

Yours sincerely,
Washington A. Roebling