Princeton, April 29th 1864.

Hon. Peter Parker, M.D.

My very dear friend,

Yesterday I learned with great regret, that you resigned your place as a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, in consequence of your protracted ill health. I shall hope, that you were gradually regaining your strength, and that the Smithsonian might have your most valuable service for several years to come. I cannot question the wisdom of your withdrawing from its service; but I am truly grieved at the thought, that your health has constrained you to do so.
Do me the favour to present to Mr. Parker and your son my most respectful and affectionate regards; upon whom as well as your self it is my sincere and fervent prayer to our Heavenly Father that his richest blessings may ever abide.

With the highest respect

Your friend,

Jane Maclean