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## **Summary Information**

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## **Biographical Note**

Hamilton Fish, Columbia College Class of 1827, was Trustee from 1840-1849 and 1851-1893; Chairman of the Board 1859-1893.

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## Summary

This group of approximately 1,000 letters from the papers of Hamilton Fish, Sr. relates to the business, functioning, and activities of Columbia College in the 19th century. The letters include those addressed to Fish and those written by him. The earliest material bears on Fish's activities and interests at about the time he graduated from Columbia, but the majority of

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the letters fall into the latter part of his life, many being written by and to Fish as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College. The collection includes correspondence with presidents Charles King, F.A.P. Barnard, and Seth Low of Columbia College, also with Edmund Bailey, Charles Davies, Charles W. Harper, William M. Sloan, William C. Schermerhorn, and others. The majority of the letters are original manuscripts and typescripts, but many of the letters from Fish are photostatic and typed copies. Most of the letters are tipped onto manila sheets. Included are two diaries of Mr. Fish's European travels, 1856-1857. There is also a box of printed materials relating primarily to the settlement of the Alabama Claims.

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## Arrangement

Letters are arranged: chronologically in six file boxes.

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## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

1 letter (HF to D. Ruggles, 12/2/1883): Source of acquisition--Mott, Donald N. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1991. Accession number--M-1991.

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Gift of Donald N. Mott, 1991.

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## **Related Materials**

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The general papers of Hamilton Fish were presented to the Library of Congress in 1978.

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The Jonathan Nathan letters consists of 484 letters written by Jonathan Nathan to his college classmate, Hamilton Fish. There is additional Fish correspondence in the <u>Columbia</u> <u>College papers (UA#0224)</u> and one folder in <u>Central Files (UA#0001)</u>. For additional materials related to Columbia College during this period, please consult the <u>Frederick A.P.</u> <u>Barnard Papers (MS#0073)</u>, <u>Seth Low papers (MS#2025)</u>, and the <u>Minutes of the Board of Trustees (UA#0019)</u>.

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- Columbia University. Trustees
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## **Other Finding Aids**

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## **Collection Inventory**

Series I: Hamilton Fish letters, 1827-1893

This series contains Hamilton Fish's correspondence. Most are in-coming letters but the collection includes Fish's own out-going mail, either as originals or duplicates, which were collected and inserted in the collection. The duplicates are mostly photostats, but there are also handwritten and typescript copies. These are identified as [COPY] in the inventory. Item descriptions are, for the most part, according to the brief abstracts in "A Calendar to the Hamilton Fish Papers" prepared under the direction of John Bassett Moore; however, not all letters in the Calendar are part of the collection. Only the letters collected here as physical items, originals or copies, are included in the inventory for this series. There are also letters in the collection that were missing from the Calendar and have been added. For some letters, there is additional description, which came from "A Digest of the Hamilton Fish Papers." The Digest also includes letters that are not part of this collection and those descriptions have been omitted. Both of the earlier inventories can be found in the legacy finding aid.

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Fish to Broeck (Anthony Ten)., 1836	box 1
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Fish to Barnard (D.D.) Enclosing copy of Charter and Statutes of Columbia College. Duties of President, his salary, etc. Approaching selection of President —desires to consider Barnard's name., 1842 June 13	box 1
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to D. D. Barnard saying that the salary of the President is \$2,600 a year and house and he is glad Barnard's name can be suggested.	
Moore (Nathl.) to Fish. Exchange of documents of Columbia College with University Library of Gottingen., 1844 January 20	box 1
Fish to Reed (Stephen). Replying to request for letter stating his knowledge of Reed's connection with Columbia College, etc., 1844 April 27	box 1
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Lawrence (John L.) Information from Mr. Garrett Davis about affairs of a friend. Rumor of President Moore's resignation. Barnard., 1844 December 19	box 1

Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish hears rumors of Moore's resignation. D. D. Barnard has that in him which is wanted to stir Columbia up.	
Lawrence (John L.) to Fish. Resignation of President of Columbia College and dependent matters., 1844 December 20	box 1
Scope and Contents	
John L. Lawrence says the rumor is authentic. The resignation was formally tendered at the meeting Tuesday last to take effect the first of February. A Committee induced the President to withdraw his letter. The question of discipline disturbed him.	
Fish to Moore (President). Relative to gathering of Congressional Documents., 1845 January 16	box 1
Scope and Contents	
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King (Chas.) to Fish. Inadequate income from his paper— wants presidency of Columbia College., 1845 January 22	box 1
King (Chas.) to Fish. Misinformation about President Moore's resignation — arrangement with Webb to combine the N.Y. American with the Courier and Enquirer., 1845 February 10	box 1
Scope and Contents	
King is much gratified by Fish's answer. When he heard that Moore was not leaving, King called upon him to tell him what he had been doing about the succession. The New York American will stop next Saturday and the following Monday King will be joint editor with Mr. Webb of the Courier and Enquirer. He hopes to get more subscribers for the paper for that will increase his salary.	
Fish to Ogden (D.B.), 1849 March 2	box 1
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Ogden (D.B.) to Fish. In regard to Mr. Fish's resignation – Pres. Taylor's message., 1849 March 7	box 1
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D. B. Ogden lists possibilities for President - Dr. Forbes, Dr. Haight, Charles King, Betts and Barnard.

Fish to Onderdonk (Henry, Jr.). Acknowledges note and volume. Plans class re-union. Wishes to present Documentary History of Hew York to Onderdonk., 1849 December 19

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Fish to King (Charles). Pres. Of Columbia College Appreciates honor bestowed, etc., 1850 December 23	box 1
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King (Chas.) to Fish. Notice relative to superintendency of examination at Columbia College., 1851 June 9	box 1
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Jones (Edward) to Fish. Candidacy of Wolcott Gibbs and Geo. C. Schaeffer for professorship in Columbia College., 1854 January 10	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Edward Jones writes that he would swallow Gibbs and digest him, Unitarian that he is, if no better man can be found but he does not like the way the candidacy has been done.	
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grossly out of place. Our Professor of History is not a fast talker. He tells the young men as much as he can	

fast talker. He tells the young men as much as he can tell them in an hour on Monday and then on Friday he meets them and sits out the hour silent while they

tell him back what he told them on Monday. The teaching of Political Economy is conducted in the same manner with another class who are, if possible, more inattentive and less interested than the class in History. Lieber does not have enough to do. He does not share his equal burden with his colleagues and yet Barnard is very sure that they would very gladly relieve him of even the duties that he has and cheerfully do his work for him, if by such means they could be spared the annoyances that that department is occasioning. Barnard believes that he has saved Dr. Lieber much that would have been unpleasant by means of which he has no suspicion and which are known to nobody except the limited number of students whom it concerned to know.	
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(Minutes June 17, 1867) Van Amringe wants to be Professor of Latin. He had been a classical instructor at Columbia in 1859-60 and Dr. King had said that his services were satisfactory. All his hopes are centered in Columbia College and in her service and her interest. He would much sooner teach Classics than Mathematics.	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Probable internal dissension of Board of Trustees., 1868 February 7	box 2
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Van Amringe (J.H.) to Fish. Adjunct Professor of languages at Columbia College., 1868 May 27	box 2

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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Failure of a tutor to resign on request., 1868 July 15	box 2
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Barnard wants a tutor in English Literature who can command respect and enforce discipline, the present incumbent failing entirely. He had thought that the tutor in English Literature would resign at the end of the last academic year. Barnard addressed a note to him suggesting in the most delicate terms the propriety in his relieving the College of its embarrassment, Barnard wants to look around for candidates. Any Trustees whose sons were in College during the past two or three years could ascertain the facts.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Respecting appointment or removal of a tutor., 1868 July 27	box 2
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Apparently, Fish has thought that Lamoreux was inadequate. Barnard is not entirely satisfied with him. To make a change would interfere with the morale of the students. They would feel that they have their teacher very much in their power. Whatever has been the amount of disorder under Mr. Lamoreux his classes have been models of propriety compared to the scenes under Lawrence.	
Lieber (Francis) to Fish. Proposes that General Grant visit the Law School at the beginning of his lectures on the History and Character of the Constitution of the United States., 1869 February 7	box 2
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Lieber wants to wind up his active life with some high mission in the center of Europe. The Spanish mission might be possible.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Removal of site at Columbia College., 1870 May 17	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Barnard thinks that it is not a new site within the city that the College needs but a more advantageous one out of the city. The large resources of the College can never hereafter have any adequate field for their efficient employment in the city of New York. He believes that Fish would regard favorably such a proposition.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Mr. Fish's retirement from the State Department— College administration, 1871 March 11	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Ogden thinks the internal administration of the College is very unsatisfactory. It occasions great uneasiness.	
Haight (Benj. I.) to Fish. Scheme of "Fellowships"— Princeton scheme— President [Barnard]., 1871 March 14	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Haight does not agree with Fish about the President. He thinks Barnard is working the college well and his faith in Barnard's ability, conscientiousness, honesty and indefatigable industry.	
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Scope and Contents	
Lieber says he is going to retire in 1872.	
Ruggles (Samuel B.) to Fish. Date for parting with Lieber—etc., 1871 April 7	box 2
Haight (Beng. I.) to Fish. Adoption of proposed scheme— Mr. Fish's suggestions and President [Barnard's] replies., 1871 April 17	box 2
Lieber (Francis) to Fish. Prize papers in his department— etc., 1871 May 17	box 2
Ruggles (Samuel B.) to Fish. Joint Commission—Mr. Fish— Law School matters., 1871 June 6	box 2

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#### **Scope and Contents**

The Law School Committee, according to Ruggles, is wholly determined either to appoint an adjunct professor or to sever the School from the College. If the warden will not nominate an adjunct professor at \$3000 the Committee will look for a suitable person. His appointment will be followed by a second, making a faculty of three.

Fish to Grant (General). Enclosing invitation to Commencement at Columbia College, and urging acceptance., 1871 June 17

#### **Scope and Contents**

[COPY] Fish invites Grant to Columbia commencement.

Ruggles (Samuel B.) to Fish. Law School matters., 1871 June 24

#### **Scope and Contents**

The Trustees move to sever the connection of the College and Law School but want to talk to Fish about it. Ruggles is sorry for worrying and troubling him.

Grant (U.S.) to Fish. Columbia Commencement-graduation box 2 of UP, Fish's son-etc. Original letter and typed copy in duplicate., 1871 June 25

#### **Scope and Contents**

Grant is sorry he cannot come since he is going to Princeton.

MacVeagh (Wayne) to Fish. Successor of Dr. Lieber in the Law School—Mr. Mulford suggested, etc., 1872 December 9	box 2
Yeaman (Geo. H.) to Fish. Letter from Mr. Wing—after completing lectures at Columbia Law School, wishes to see Mr. Fish and the President in regard to Wing., 1873 February 14	box 2
Fish to Potter (Right Rev. Bishop). College matters—little	box 2

Fish to Potter (Right Rev. Bishop). College matters-little accomplished with large endowment, etc., 1873 October 17

#### **Scope and Contents**

Fish wants to talk to Potter. The College needs a thorough shaking up. The School of Mines is barely tolerable, the Law School is Dr. Dwight's and is dependent on his continued capability and willingness to maintain it. The undergraduate school is unworthy the name of the College. Fish cannot help but think

that they are unfortunate in the head of the academic staff.

Fish to Hunt (Miss Louise Livingston). Returns testimonials in behalf of Mr. Carleton Hunt. Lack of time to attend to affairs of Columbia College., 1874 January 8	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish has not been able to attend a meeting, with one exception, since 1869.	
Fish to Low (Seth). Meeting of Alumni of Columbia College. Suggestion respecting administration of College., 1874 April 20	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Seth Low. Seth Low's present movement foreshadows much to the College.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Sends Books and reports., 1874 September 11	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Ogden (Gouv. M.). Approves selection of Mr. Beekman as Trustee of College., 1875 January 6	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Van Amringe (Prof. J.H.). Subscription for College boat house., 1875 January 20	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Bishop Potter.	Regrets	absence	from	meetings	of trustees.,
1876 February	/ 21				

Fish to Potter (Right Rev. Bishop). Mr. Beekman's letter relative to Columbia College. Desirability of removal of undergraduate course from City, etc., 1876 February 21	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish tells Potter he has long been tending more and more to the belief that the undergraduate course should be taken out of the city. Beekman's suggestion of a location appeals to him.	
Low (Seth) to Fish. Alumni Assn. of Columbia College, 1876 October 14	box 2
Fish to Low (Seth). Control of Columbia College by the Association of Alumni., 1876 October 18	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish agrees with Low that there are grave objections to going to the Legislature. Action must come through the voluntary action of the Board of Trustees.	
Low (Seth) to Fish. Plan of the Alumni [of Columbia College]., 1876 October 19	box 2
Beekman (James W.) to Fish. Increasing quarters of Columbia College—etc., 1877 January 4	box 2
Scope and Contents	
J. W. Beekman tells Fish that Columbia is discussing putting up new buildings or buying more land from the Wheelock property. The Alumni had a centennial but only 70 or 80 were present. They all felt the necessity of suburban dormitories and commons. Not so, think the Trustees, notably Ogden, the excellent Treasurer.	
Fish to Low (Seth). Inability to attend meeting with Committee of Trustees of Columbia College. Importance of union of management of College with its Alumni., 1877 April 8	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Conference of Committee of the Trustees relative to the Alumni—purchase of ground by the College and question of building., 1877 May 16	box 2

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### Scope and Contents

Ogden tells Fish that the Trustees have bought about 10 acres, that 3 of the Trustees acted as joint tenants but not as tenants in common. The intention was to secure the property and to sell it at some future time if it should not eventually prove a desirable site for the institution. The question is now being agitated where and when the College shall be built.

Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Reply to letter requesting his company on inspection of land purchased by College. Committee meeting., 1877 May 21

#### **Scope and Contents**

Potter (Horatio) to Fish. Work at Columbia College., 1877 July 19	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Potter tells Fish that Agnew wants the work at the college to go on until 2 P.M. What good can it do? The Professors cannot do any more than they are doing now.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Draft report to Alumni., 1877 October 7	box 2
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Meeting of managers of the accumulating fund- committee on removal., 1877 October 27	box 2
Fish to Ogden (Gouv. M.). Report of Committee appointed to confer with Alumni. Comment., 1877 November 9	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish has disagreed with the report on the Alumni question. If a concurrence is practicable it is very desirable.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. His report—time of meeting, 1877 November 10	box 2
Low (Seth) to Fish. Majority report of Trustees of Committee of Conference., 1877 November 14	box 2
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish., 1878 January 25	box 2
Fish to Hash (S.P.); Halsey (A.); Harper (J.W.). Reply to letter from Mr. Gouverneur M. Ogden., 1878 January 26	box 2

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Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Reply to request for Trustees to investigate accounts of Treasurer of Columbia College., 1878 January 26

#### **Scope and Contents**

[COPY] Fish explains to Ogden his desire to know about the finances of the College. He comes back and finds that the salaries of the Professors have been scaled up, that a plot of suburban land some 8 or 10 miles from the City Hall has been bought for something like \$375,000, on which interest must have been accumulating for 5 or 6 years and taxes accruing. He has been told that a few acres of land, which must have cost the College nearly, if not quite, a half million dollars would probably not command much if any more than \$100,000. Fish wanted to find out facts so that he could be guided to the best interests of the College with regard to this unfortunate speculation. He has not been able to find in the Treasurer's reports any adequate item for taxes. Fish has just learned that Ogden was receiving \$7500 as salary and \$1500 a year in addition for a clerk. It was after receiving this information that Fish asked Ogden if he thought that a Trustee ought to receive a salary from the funds of the College which he has a voice in dispensing. He may abstain from voting on the Treasurer's salary. The Treasurer's salary has been graded with respect to others so that if he votes for an increase in professors' salaries he votes on his own salary. Power has been concentrated in the Board of Trustees and patronage has been dispensed. If any Trustee had the right to inspect the books of the Treasurer at any time it might provoke as much irritability as the asking of a few kindly intentioned questions.

Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Receipt of account of Wheelock property, comment. Efforts in behalf of College., 1878 January 31

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[COPY] Fish has the Wheelock property accounts and it gives the evidence of what he never doubted, the entire accuracy of the figures in the Treasurer's Report. It makes clear what, without it and on the published figures alone, was left unknown but was important to be known.

Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). College matters—personal box 2 regard for Mr. Ogden., 1878 March 15

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Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Ogden. The results obtained in the educational direction of the College appear to Fish very disproportionate to the means and the endowment of the institution.	
Fish to Sloan (Samuel). Certificate of an assistant at the School of Mines, Columbia College, in behalf of some gas company., 1878 April 29	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P., D.D.). Conferring of degree on Dr. Fordyce Barker., 1878 May 4	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Dwight (Professor). Law School diplomas., 1878 May 7	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Dwight (Professor Theo. W.). Letter to Mr. Welsh— thinks Mr. W. will not be at liberty to make any application without permission from the Secretary of State—suggests application to Mr. Evarts in behalf of Columbia College Law School., 1878 May 14	box 2
Scope and Contents	
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Dwight (T. W.) to Fish., 1878 May 14	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Dwight is going to Europe and wants to secure volumes to fill out the set of the Record collection. Could he have an introduction?	
Fish to Welsh (H.E. John). Introducing Prof. Dwight of Columbia College Law School., 1878 May 14	box 2
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish introduces Dwight to Mr. Welsh. The Law School at Columbia stands the very first of all the Law Schools in the country. Dwight has been its founder and given it its great preeminence.	
Dwight (T. W.) to Fish., 1878 May 17	box 2

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[COPY] Fish hopes Ogden's good nature will find some excuse for his dilatoriness in what Fish has stated.	
Fish to Winthrop (Honble. Robert C.). Harvard Catalogue and Treasurer's statement—desire for detailed salary statement which is still in use at Columbia— etc., 1879 January 2	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Winthrop (Honble. Robert C.). Illness of Mrs. Fish —College Management—receipt of Harvard treasurer's statement., 1879 February 3	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Davis (J.C.B.) to Fish. Introducing Mr. Frederick W. Whitridge who desires to secure a position at Columbia College for Mr. Chas. S. Smith., 1879 March 4	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Mr. J. B. Davis introduces Mr. F.W. Whitridge who wants to talk to Fish about Mr. Charles S. Smith and his fitness for a place in Columbia. Mr. Smith is gentle and refined, of unusual culture and of great purity of character. He is not self-asserting.	
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Meeting of Board of Trustees- explanations., 1879 March 4	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Concerning withdrawal of Dr. S's name, 1879 March 4	box 3
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Occurrences of Monday, etc., 1879 March 6	box 3
Fish to Miller (Mr. Justice). Vacant Chairs at Columbia Law School- proposed offering that of Real Estate and Equity Jurisprudence to Judge Dillon., 1879 March 7	box 3

<b>Scope and Contents</b> [COPY] Fish writes to Judge Miller asking his opinion of Judge Dillon for a chair in the Law School at Columbia which they are reorganizing.	
Harper (J.W. Jr.) to Fish. Withdrawal of name of Rev. John Cotton Smith from the nomination made at meeting of Columbia College Trustees—etc., 1879 March 14	box 3
Fish to Miller (Mr. Justice). Judge Dillon for a Professorship in the Law School., 1879 March 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Fish writes to Miller explaining that appointment during the pleasure of the Trustees might satisfy the most ardent of the civil service reformers. The only man discharged has been McCullouh.	
Fish to Miller (Mr. Justice). Candidacy of Judge Dillon for Chair at Columbia College., 1879 March 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Concerning draft letter about Judge Dillon., 1879 March 16	box 3
Miller (Saml. J.) to Fish. Judge Dillon has the matter under consideration., 1879 March 26	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Meeting of Committee on School of Mines., 1879 March 27	box 3
Fish to Ruggles (Mr.). Sends letters as requested by Mr. Vanderpool., 1879 March 31	box 3
Vanderpool (A. Ernest) to Fish. Asks that letters of Mr. Hash and Judge Dillon be forwarded to Mr. Ruggles and Mr. Ogden., 1879 March 31	box 3
Dillon (John F.) to Miller (Mr. Justice). Professorship at Columbia Law School. Attached to a letter from Judge Miller to Mr. Fish dated April 3, 1879., 1879 April 1	box 3
Miller (Sam. F.) to Fish. Letter from Judge Dillon., 1879 April 3	box 3
Fish to Miller (Mr. Justice). Terms on which Judge Dillon will be engaged for the Columbia Law School., 1879 April 5	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Miller (Mr. Justice). Recommendation adopted as indicated in letter, 1879 April 7	box 3

Ruggles (Samuel B.) to Fish. Property on 4th Avenue desirable for the Law School., 1879 April 12	box 3
Fish to Stuyvesant (Rutherford). Query about 2nd Ave. property in behalf of Law School Committee of Columbia College., 1879 April 14	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Ogden (Gouv. M.). Mr. Stuyvesant's terms for Second Avenue lots- intended absence of Mr. Fish from the City., 1879 April 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Ruggles (Hon. Saml. B.). 4th Avenue lots and 2nd Avenue lots belonging to Stuyvesant—his price—etc., 1879 April 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Ruggles. The Law School is offered land at 19th Street and 2nd Avenue for less than Fish thought Stuyvesant would ask.	
Fish to Stuyvesant (Rutherfurd). Further inquiry on behalf of Law School Committee., 1879 April 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Stuyvesant (Rutherfurd). Offer made Law School Committee—-etc., 1879 April 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. [Proposed purchase for the Law School]—mentions Mr. Stuyvesant, Mr. Vanderpool, Mr. Ruggles., 1879 April 16	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. About degree of Master of Arts at Columbia College. Printed report attached., 1879 April 25	box 3

Scope and Contents	
Barnard wants Fish to gather the opinions of a committee of the Board on certain recommendations of the Faculty.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Respecting obtaining views of the Committee individually., 1879 April 29	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish thinks this method an irregular and unsatisfactory mode of reaching a conclusion.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Committee on honors., 1879 May 6	box 3
Newberry (J.S.) to Fish. Additional assistant in School of Mines., 1879 June 7	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Newberry sends Fish a roster of part of the School of Mines: Engineering - 1 Professor \$7500, 1 Adjunct professor, \$3000, 2 instructors at \$2000; Chemistry and Assaying - 1 Professor, \$7500, 3 instructors \$2000, 2 Assistants at \$1000, 3 Assistants at \$500; Mineralogy and Metallurgy, 1 Professor \$5000, 1 Adjunct Professor \$1200(?),1 Assistant \$1000. The Departments of Geology, Botany and Zoology, the Department of Physics, the Department of Mechanics, the Department of Mathematics each have one professor at \$7500, 1 Assistant at \$1000.	
Fish to Fish (Nicholas). Mentions Hamilton Webster— Columbia and Harvard Colleges—etc., 1879 July 7	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Nicholas Fish, "The Rogerses are all well. Hamilton has been examined for admission at Harvard. I was in hopes that he would have gone to Columbia. I have not heard the result of his examination at Harvard."	
Welch (Ashbel) to Fish. Respecting gratuitous instruction at Columbia Law School for William Corwine., 1879 September 17	box 3
Fish to Griffin (H.). Letter will be laid before trustees of Columbia College., 1879 September 20	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Ogden (Mr.). Mr. H. Griffin's proposal for purchase	box 3

of a bust of the President of Columbia College—inquiry

#### of Mr. Ashbel Welsh about Law School Scholarships—Mr. Halsey's death—etc., 1879 September 20

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Fish to Welsh (Ashbel). Columbia regulations about scholarships., 1879 September 20	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] The Trustees of Columbia College recently made some regulations with regard to the scholarships with a view of making them honorary rather than charitable.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Portrait of Dr. Barnard—fee of Mr. Corwine — Mr. Halsey's death, etc., 1879 September 22	box 3
Griffin (H.) to Fish., 1879 September 22	box 3
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Marked discourtesy in taking vote on Clerk's salary after his request that it be deferred., 1879 October 8	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish thanks Ogden for his courtesy in giving him information as to the proposed salary of the clerk to succeed Anthony Halsey. He would like to have the opportunity of putting his views down. The discourtesy of having a vote upon a question, whose immediate decision was not of the slightest importance, in the absence of one of the oldest of the Trustees whose desire to present his views on the question was known, has been, until introduced as you explain in the Board of Trustees of Columbia College on Monday last, without precedent in a body of gentlemen."	
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Understanding about postponement of vote on clerk's salary., 1879 October 11	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish tells Ogden that in his judgment the clerk's salary should be reduced. Fish had to leave the meeting and had suggested that Ogden's candidate for the clerkship be appointed, leaving the question	

for the clerkship be appointed, leaving the question of salary to be settled at a future date. Fish made this statement in as explicit terms as his command of the English language allowed. In his letter Ogden clearly shows that he understood this salary postponement and Fish left the meeting relying upon his assent to

this. Had Fish doubted Ogden's full assent he would	
have appealed to the Board before leaving.	

have appeared to the board before reaving.	
Fish to Dwight (Prof. T. W.). Inquiry about Law School Scholarships., 1879 October 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Welsh (Ashbel). Law school regulations about scholarships., 1879 October 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Dwight (T.W.) to Fish., 1879 October 16	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Dwight tells Fish that there are no regulations admitting law students to gratuitous instruction. For some time it was the practice to present special cases to the Law Committee who, upon favorable consideration, referred them to the Board for its action. On presenting one such case last year Dwight understood it to be the view of the Committee that henceforward such applications should not be entertained. His own opinion would be that it would be wise to permit the Law Faculty to act in certain cases, reporting their action and the reasons to the Law School Committee.	
Lieber (Matilde) to Fish., 1879 October 18	box 3
Fish to Barnard (President). Telegram. Unable to attend meeting of Trustees of Columbia College today., 1879 November 3	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Agnew (Dr. C. R.). Defects in Volume of Resolutions of Trustees of Columbia College,1874-1879., 1879 November 10	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Proposed invitation to Ex-Gov. Seymour to deliver lectures at Columbia on the colonial history of New York., 1879 November 26	box 3

Scope and Contents	
Barnard writes to Fish on the possibility of some lectures by Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour on the early history of the colonial period of New York.	
Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P., D.D.). Proposed lectures by Governor Seymour at Columbia College—objects to his theory of Federal Government, that of the 'States' Rights' party., 1879 November 28	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Barnard that Seymour converses well and interestingly upon almost any subject. Seymour's doctrines that the teaching of George Clinton with regard to the federal constitution were sounder and wiser than that of Hamilton, Jay and Madison would be wrong to be expounded to the youth of Columbia.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Respecting proposed invitation to Gov. Seymour to deliver lectures; views on modern politics not desirable—Bp. Potter demonstration., 1879 November 29	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard agrees with Fish but wants to stop Seymour s talk: about 1760.	
Goodwin (J.T.) to Fish. Columbia College Boat Club., 1879 December 1	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Jaspar T. Goodwin writes to Fish. The Columbia College Boat Club proposes to have a series of athletic sports open to College students and to other amateurs properly qualified, on the evenings of January 2 and 3, 1880 and has engaged Madison Square Garden. Will Fish present the prizes.	
Agnew (C.R.) to Fish. Students requests re: quality of sports., 1879 December 4	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Report of the Committee on the Board of the College—Committee on Honors. Printed report attached., 1879 December 5	box 3
Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Concerning report on block North of Columbia <sup>^</sup> College., 1880 January 12	box 3
Harper (Joseph W. Jr.) to Fish. Proposed increase of fees for undergraduates of Columbia College, 1880 February 10	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Need of additional space for Columbia College, purchase suggested., 1880 March 22	box 3

Barnard to Fish. Some students have heard that the block of land immediately north of the College has been sold. He calls attention. In 1865 there were 6 rooms in the College available for classrooms which were not then occupied for any necessary purpose, 2 only being occupied at all. A seventh was in use temporarily as a cloakroom, in 1866 a new cheap building for the School of Mines, in 1878 new college bulging begun. There are now only 4 rooms and rooms in the whole building which are not occupied for some important purpose. It will be impossible to stop work in the old building for one year so that it can be torn down and a new one put up. It will be impossible therefore to build on the site of the old College building. 9 rooms in the old building have been given up to the School of Mines. There has also been loud murmuring about the uncomfortable quarters of the Law School. Barnard gives details of a plan for using the church now standing on the block for the Law School. If the transept was fenced off provision could be made for the library of the College, the library of the Law School and the library of the School of Mines. There would be a convenient reading room. Many of the School of Mines students spend hours consulting the library, though the conditions are quite inadequate. It would be of great advantage to all inquirers if all the libraries were accessible to all the students of whatever school. In justice to himself Barnard says that he has always opposed building for permanence on this site. In 1874 Barnard made a minority report against anything except a cheap and temporary structure. Since then he has felt the impossibility of removing the college from this ground during the present century.

Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.). D.D. Respecting block north of the College purchase of which was contemplated., 1880 March 25

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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Sale of block adjoining Columbia College – "Wheelock" property., 1880 March 25

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Schermerhorn says the block has been sold for \$440,000, one half cash. The highest valuation from Schermerhorn's experts was \$347,500. The idea of an exchange for part or the whole of the Wheelock box 3

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property met with no favor. That property could not now be sold except at a great sacrifice.	
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. G.). Respecting proposed purchase of block north of the College., 1880 March 26	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish agrees with Schermerhorn as to the reality of the sale. He thinks it is probably a trustee for the church who wants to enforce a higher estimate on the College Trustees.	
Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Library appropriation for Columbia College., 1880 March 30	box 3
White (A.D.) to Barnard (F.A.P.) Dr. Ely (Richard Theodore)., 1880 March 30	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Respecting resolution reported by the Committee, 1880 March 31	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Burgess (John W.) to Fish. College matters., 1880 April 12	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Commencement expenses at Columbia College., 1880 May 11	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard writes that the necessary expenses for Commencement are about \$50 more than the appropriation. When the Senior class go into the extravagance of expensive engravings, as was once the case, Barnard agrees they ought to bear the cost of such follies themselves. In earlier years Commencement used to cost \$700 or \$800 but the necessary expenses he thinks the Trustees expect to pay.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Commencement expenses., 1880 May 12	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish is opposed to extravagance and unnecessary expense for Commencement but also to picayune economies. The Trustees should meet the necessary expenses of Commencement.	
Burgess (J.W.) to Fish. Urging establishment of graduate courses at Columbia College., 1880 May 15	box 3

Burgess thinks that the graduate courses are essential if the College is to advance into the first rank and not drop into the third.

#### Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish., 1880 May 17

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Barnard is disappointed and surprised at the meeting of this day. Columbia must rid ittelf of the school boy system. It is not necessary that the boys should be watched every minute. Even at Columbia there are sometimes 40 students in the library at once and in the drawing school of the School of Mines sometimes 80, and there is no trouble. The students of the School and of the College are of the same age and fraternize completely. The responsibility for discipline mainly falls on the President and he has no apprehension about it. It is not to Columbia's advantage to have it said that it is almost the only collegiate institution of any character in New York, New England, New Jersey or Pennsylvania which gives no instruction in any of the modern languages. The teaching of German at Columbia does not count for it is only a tolerated outside study. The scheme of graduate study is no experiment. It has been tried successfully and is indispensable to give to Columbia its due prestige. 42% of the present undergraduate attendance does not reside on Manhattan. Only a few of these would be seriously inconvenienced by remaining 2 or 3 hours daily in attendance. The public conveyances run on most routes centering in the city almost hourly. Barnard thinks the Treasurer is playing a Fabian game and that the whole fate of the scheme is largely decided by Fish's own view.

Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.) D.D. Courses of study at Columbia— Harvard and Yale., 1880 May 20

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[COPY] Fish is not surprised but is not entirely sympathetic. The new scheme, either by itself or from necessity and from the inconvenience to the undergraduates, will bring the eventual abandonment or practical ruin of the undergraduate course\*. To this Fish cannot be an acquiescent participant. He does not want to sacrifice the gymnasium which, under Barnard's able superintendence and charge, for some 15 or 16 years has been so successful and useful. The trustees of Columbia have always been ready to accept Barnard's suggestions and requests. He will not accept Barnard's dictum, "a school boy system." What Barnard calls the school boy course must be maintained. Barnard's scheme seems to Fish to

aim at the convenience and ease of the Faculty alone. Fish thinks that no professional man in the country earns what is paid to the gentlemen composing the Columbia Faculty, without giving at least 6 or 10 hours a day to his work. He thinks the Columbia Faculty ought to be willing to give 20 to 24 hours a week to their work. If Barnard will preserve the undergraduate course in its integrity he thinks he might secure much that he wants. A majority of the Trustees are. Alumni of the College and they may not be very strongly allured by any scheme which rests upon the depreciation and disparagement of their Alma Mater.	
Fish to Burgess (Professor). System of instruction at Columbia., 1880 May 20	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Burgess (J.W.) to Fish. Graduate courses at Columbia College – assistants – Mr. Munroe Smith for the Law School., 1880 May 21	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Graduate courses at Columbia College— elective courses for undergraduates., 1880 May 22	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard to Fish. Barnard does not undervalue the undergraduate course without which the graduate course is impossible. He agrees with Fish that the Columbia Faculty should be willing to accept additional work and had urged it but he soon found out that it was a very unpopular doctrine and if all the Faculty combined to oppose the scheme their opposition would probably have weight with the Trustees. No officer of the College has anything to do after 1 o'clock and no one is required to be present before 10 or 11 and occasionally even 12, while the officers of the School of Mines are, most of them, from the nature of their duties confined here all day long. Barnard himself has been steadily engaged in his duties not less than 7 hours daily, including Saturday.	
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Obtaining ground for Columbia College., 1880 May 22	box 3
Munroe (Chester C.) to Fish. Recommending E. Munroe Smith for professorship in School of Public Law at Columbia College., 1880 May 28	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Chapel of Columbia College., 1880 May 29	box 3

Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Land for Columbia College., 1880 June 1	box 3
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Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Letter submitted to Mr. Schermerhorn, Chairman of Committee to enquire about additional land for the College— etc., 1880 June 2	box 3
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Fish to Munroe (Chester C.). Will bear Mr. Smith in mind if an additional professorship shall be established in the School of Public Law at Columbia College., 1880 June 2	box 3
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Possibility of acquiring certain building for the College., 1880 June 3	box 3
Schermerhorn (W.C.) to Fish. Question of hiring building for Columbia College., 1880 June 4	box 3
Munroe (Chester C.) to Fish. Appointment of his cousin as lecturer in the "School of Political Science"., 1880 June 10	box 3
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Proposed acquirement of property by Columbia College., 1880 June 12	box 3
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Course of Columbia respecting land., 1880 June 15	box 3
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. School of Political Science., 1880 June 16	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard wonders if he is right in styling the teaching body of the School of Political Science a Faculty, no resolution having been adopted creating its Faculty. When the School of Mines was organized Van Amringe was Adjunct Professor of Mathematics in the College but Professor of Mathematics in the School. Could Barnard call Professor Alexander Professor of	

Philosophy in the School of Political Science while in the College his grade is only Adjunct Professor?	
Howe (W.W.) to Fish. His lectures at St. Louis Law School— desires to deliver lectures in the School of Political Science at Columbia College., 1880 July 14	box 3
Howe (W.W.) to Fish. Possible delivery of his lectures at School of Political Science., 1880 July 27	box 3
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Proposed purchase of land adjoining Columbia College by the College., 1880 August 26	box 3
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Nothing to be done— exorbitant price., 1880 August 30	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Burgess (Professor John W.). Meeting of Law School Committee- embarrassment from unwarranted exercise of authority., 1880 October 9	box 3
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Proposed meeting of Managers of the Accumulating fund [of Columbia College]., 1880 October 21	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Alumni reception of the College., 1880 October 22	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Charles Sprague Smith, School of Languages and Literatures., 1880 October 23	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard commends Mr. Charles S. Smith who has a plan for upbuilding a school of languages.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Accumulating fund of Columbia College., 1880 October 26	box 3
Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.). Enforcement of order of business at meeting of Trustees of Columbia College., 1880 October 28	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish wants the prescribed order of business for the meetings of the Trustees carried out. He feels that comparatively unimportant matters are brought	

up early in the meeting before the Trustees become impatient.

Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Proposed purchase of a block on the North by Columbia College., 1880 October 28	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Respecting questions he has brought before the Board., 1880 October 29	box 3
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Purchase of property for Columbia College., 1880 November 12	box 3
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Value of land to the College —etc., 1880 November 16	box 3
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Communication from Vicar General, suggestion for meeting to prepare statement for the Trustees, etc., 1880 November 29	box 3
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Cannot follow Vicar's lead — report., 1880 December 3	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Question of buying more ground for Columbia College., 1880 December 4	box 3
Ely (Richard T.) to Fish. Encloses letter of commendation from Minister White of the Legation in Berlin to President Barnard—wishes Mr. Fish's aid in finding work. A copy of Minister White's letter is attached., 1880 December 10	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Richard T. Ely finds that the livelihood which a young writer gains by his pen rather precarious and he would refuse no work that he could do.	
Fish to Rutherfurd (Lewis M.). New building— architect's compensation, etc., 1880 December 21	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Meeting of Committee on removal., 1880 December 21	box 3
Carll (L.B.) to Fish. Mathematical work by a graduate of Columbia College., 1881 January 3	box 3
Fish to Burgess (Professor J.W.). Law School and School of Arts and Mines., 1881 January 4	box 3

Auchmuchty (R.T.) to Fish. In behalf of Mr. James H. Jones as Secretary of the Legation at Paris. Newspaper clipping attached relates to Columbia College., 1881 April 10	box 3
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Mr. Willard's price, question of funds, etc. [Columbia College], 1881 April 21	box 3
Fish to Blatchford (Hon. Samuel). Respecting papers sent him as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College., 1881 April 24	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Letters from Dr. Barnard and Mr. Willard relative to land purchase for Columbia College., 1881 April 27	box 3
Fish to Trustees of Columbia College. Transmits papers from Judge Blatchford—list., 1881 April 28	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). The College President's interference in practical affairs., 1881 May 4	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish returns the letters of our irrepressible president. Fish wishes Barnard would learn the practical wisdom of the reply which Mr. Jackson made to Mr. Buchanan. "Buchanan," said the General, "I knew a man out in Tennessee who made a comfortable living and made himself quite respectable by minding his own business."	
Dwight (T.W.) to Fish. Meeting of Law Committee to make changes on account of Professor Dillon's request for release from part of his College work., 1881 May 19	box 3
Ruggles (Samuel B.) to Fish. Changes in Columbia Law School through Judge Dillon's resignation of part of his work., 1881 May 19	box 3
Fish to Ruggles (Honble. Samuel B.). Judge Dillon's proposition respecting his lectures at the Law School of Columbia College., 1881 May 20	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish (Hamilton Jr.) to Fish. Introducing Dr. Pencoffs; wishes to interest Trustees of Columbia College in his work on Roman law, 1881 June 2	box 3

Fish to Crosby (William H.). Application of the Reverend Jesse A. Spencer D.D. for a vacant professorship in Columbia College—his many applications—so too at the Theological Seminary., 1881 June 17	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish has been familiar with Spencer's application for vacant professorships for about 30 years. No matter what the Department is, Barkis is willing. The Reverend Jesse would have taken any professorship that was lying loose within the last 30 or 40 years. Fish returns the testimonials which he has read several times previously. The Reverend Jesse has, or had, a lot more which he used to show the Trustees. Spencer has worried the Trustees with his candidacy for every chair and has been a subject of pleasantry among some of the trustees.	
Crosby (Wm. H.) to Fish. His brother's recommendation of Rev. Jesse A. Spencer for chair at Columbia College - vacated by Prof. Nairne., 1881 June 18	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Mr. W.H. Crosby endorses the Reverend Jesse A. Spencer. He hopes Spencer may be elected to the place if he is fitted for it.	
Howland (R.L.) to Fish. Recommending Professor James Russell Soley for the vacant chair at Columbia College. Testimonials, etc. attached., 1881 July 2	box 3
Embree (Lawrence E.) to Fish. Graduate of Columbia Law School; wishes help to obtain employment., 1881 July 16	box 3
Spencer (J.A.) to Fish., 1881 July 20	box 3
Fish to Tucker (Hon. J.R.). Application will be considered by Trustees of Columbia College—no meeting until October, 1881 July 26	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Hunter (Hon. R.M.T.). Respecting testimonial in behalf of Mr. Garnett to be laid before Trustees of Columbia College., 1881 August 13	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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DuBois (Henry A.) to Fish. Recommending Donald D. (sic, i.e. Grant?) Mitchell and John Jay DuBois for positions on the Columbia College faculty., 1881 September 18	box 3

Henry Du Bois recommends Donald Mitchell (Ike Marvel) as Professor of Belles Lettres at Columbia.

Barker (Fordyce) to Fish. Recommending Donald G. Mitchel for the Chair H of Belles Lettres at Columbia College., 1881 September 30	box 3
Cramer (Mary F.G.) to Fish. Qualifications of her husband for Professorship at Columbia College., 1881 October 6	box 3
Potter (Howard) to Fish. Recommending Rev. Dr. Veeder for vacant professorship of English Literature at Columbia College., 1881 October 13	box 3
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Encloses letters. P.S. Inquiry about Prof. Jas. M. Garnett., 1881 October 18	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Candidates for professorship at the College., 1881 October 19	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard reports as candidates Donald G. Mitchell, Moses Colt Tyler, James Russell Soley and 2 more. He likes Professor Tyler but his mind is not made up.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Filling post of Professor of English at Columbia College., 1881 October 22	box 3
Scope and Contents	
The approaching election of an English Professor is the most important happening since Barnard's connection with the College. The professional life in Great Britain is too different from American practices for him to hope that a British scholar would work kindly in our harness.	
Chandler (C.F.) to Fish. Paint of Averill Chemical Paint Co., 1881 October 24	box 3
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Vacancy in Academic Board of Columbia College—Dr. Tyler—Cornell University., 1881 October 24	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish is still in search of a candidate. Columbia College is entitled to something more	

than respectability. Fish admits that he is prejudiced against Cornell.

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Neilson (John) to Fish. Recommendation of Chas. J. Johnson as candidate for professorship at Columbia College., 1881 October 24	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Professorship of English Literature at Columbia College., 1881 October 25	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard thinks about as meanly of Cornell as Fish possibly could but does not hold him (Tyler) responsible for the loose educational theories current there. Barnard thinks there is great risk of dry rot in the absorption of the time and attention of our officers outside college. One officer, for example, is at the head of the Health Board, for many years had lectured constantly at the School of Medicine and in the College of Pharmacy and, though paid \$8500 by the College, derives from his outside services a larger emolument than that which he receives from us. He receives higher pay from the College than the President himself. Another Professor has been for 15 years the state geologist of Ohio, an office for which no one can be eligible who is not a citizen of Ohio and he has accordingly maintained a nominal residence at Cleveland, although he occupied personally rooms furnished free of charge in the College buildings. He has been dilatory in attendance at the opening of the session this fall on the 10th of October.	
Cramer (Mary F.G.) to Fish. Her husband recommended by Bishop Peck for the vacant chair at Columbia College. Recommendation attached., 1881 October 25	box 3
Fish to Rodgers (Rear Admiral C.R.P.— C.P.R.?). Vacant professorship at Columbia—Professor Soley., 1881 October 29	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Maury (Mytton) to Fish. Concerning his application for the Chair of English Literature at Columbia College., 1881 November 4	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Library of the late Edmund B. o'Callaghan offered for sale to the College by his widow. A letter from Ellen O'Callaghan dated October 24, 1881, is attached to the letter., 1881 November 14	box 3
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Thinks special meeting unnecessary., 1881 November 15	box 3

Fish to Ogden (Gouv. M.). Dr. Barnard's request for a special meeting., 1881 November 15	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish sends Ogden Barnardfs letters. Barnard seems bent upon something sensational	
Ogden (Gouv. M.) to Fish. Building Projects for Columbia College; comment., 1881 November 16	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Ogden thinks that all Barnard's projects are in great part to make a show and are accompanied by a reckless disregard of all prudence in the management of our affairs.	
Van Amringe (J.H.) to Fish. General Catalogue of Officers and Alumni of Columbia College., 1881 November 17	box 3
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). President's 'denial'—Prof. Freeman., 1881 November 18	box 3
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] President Barnard should be given the benefit of his denial. He, Barnard, seems inclined to shift responsibility to Dr. Agnew.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Bequest of Stephen Whitney Phoenix to Columbia College., 1881 November 19	box 3
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). System of instruction in the Law School - devise of Mr. Phoenix to Columbia College., 1881 November 25	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish., 1881 November 25	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Barnard writes to Fish that he wants a light in the literary firmament for Columbia such as Child or Russell Lowell or Longfellow has been for Harvard. Barnard had asked Child and Longfellow. One could not come because of his family, the other because he had no idea of returning again to an academic career.	

Barnard encloses a letter from Gildersleeve of Johns Hopkins in regard to price of Virginia.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Vacant chair at Columbia., 1881 November 28	box 3
Scope and Contents	
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Devise of Mr. Phoenix and attitude of Columbia College., 1881 November 28	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Need of more space by the college —purchase of block north of it urged., 1881 December 1	box 3
Scope and Contents	
The will of S. Whitney Phoenix brings up again to Barnard the inadequacy of the present site.	
Brown (Jas. Hatchings) to Fish. Application for position of Professor of English Literature in Columbia College., 1881 December 5	box 3
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Expenditure of money on College buildings on present site; necessity of abandonment later for larger space; advising purchase of block north of College., 1881 December 9	box 3
Scope and Contents	
The statement of the Treasurer intensifies Barnard's anxieties. \$300,000 for a chapel seems too much. The destiny and the duty of Columbia College is to become the leading institution of learning on this continent. It must add to the present range of teaching many departments as yet unprovided for until it shall become for the United States all, and more than all, that the University of Berlin is to Prussia. Opportunities for enlarging our usefulness are presenting themselves every year. Only two days ago a project was presented to Barnard in which eminent men of science, backed, as they say, by capital wanted to create a school of electricity with laboratories for investigation and a museum of electrical science. The gentlemen wanted no money but only a place and a name and would be glad to have an organic association with Columbia College but Columbia has no room and, if they wanted to build at their own charge, they have no ground. The same thing happened with the Art Students League who wished to be adopted to create something like the School of Fine Arts at Yale.	

Barnard is mistaken. The chapel is to cost \$111,000 instead of \$300,000.

Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Building schemes of Columbia College, etc., 1881 December 13	box 3
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Dr. Barnard's letter of the 12th inst. – Admiral Rodger's letter – President's repugnance to Mr. Soley., 1881 December 14	box 3
Scope and Contents	
Ogden had explained to Barnard the clerical error and he does not understand what Barnard means by saying that he would have thought that he had misunderstood me at the time of reading if other Trustees had not understood it the same way. It is a piece of disingenuousness to which Ogden thinks he gave opportunity by his want of care.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Meeting of Committee in relation to School of Mines., 1881 December 15	box 3
Van Amringe (J.H.) to Fish. Corrections in General Catalogue of Columbia College., 1882 January 10	box 4
Fish to Van Amringe (J.H.). Post Master Samuel L. Gouvernor, 1882 January 13	box 4
Fish to Dawson (Henry B.). Donation of copies of "Historical Magazine" to Columbia College., 1882 January 18	box 4
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Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Amendment offered by Dr. Barnard at meeting of Trustees of Columbia College., 1882 January 19	box 4
Fish to Beekman (Gerard). Entering amendment offered at meeting of trustees of Columbia College., 1882 January 21	box 4
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Fish to Ogden (Gouv. M.). Proposition agreed upon by Mr. Ogden and Mr. Schermerhorn., 1882 February 17	box 4
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Securing money for building schemes	box 4

of Columbia College., 1882 February 17

Ogden gives an account of his meeting with the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company.

Fish to Gerry (Elbridge T.). Rev. Mytton Maury for Chair of box 4 English Literature at Columbia., 1882 February 20

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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Building funds of Columbia College., box 4 1882 February 20

Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. College vacancy; Prof. Price., 1882 box 4 March 1

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Barnard sends to Fish testimonials for Price and says that he can vote for him himself. Professor Davis of the University of Virginia endorses Price as having the respect and esteem of his class and being a professor admirably qualified to deal with students and entirely devoted to their interests. It is not true that he appreciates Oscar Wilde too much. He has said that Oscar Wilde was not a frivolous idiot. Price is a chivalrous gentleman, a genial companion and an earnest Christian. Gildersleeve writes that Price used to conduct a private school at Richmond which flourished. He was then for some ten years the mainstay and ornament of Randolph Macon College. His manner is nervous and energetic and incisive. He thinks Price would be a power with the young men of Columbia. He was the only man to whom Gildersleeve wished his work to be committed. He has personal force and personal conviction won by independent study. Gildersleeve finds it hard to write of Price without something of his own contagious glow.

Fish to Van Amringe (Professor). Mistake in Catalogue in regard to Prof. Adrain — other teachers—President Harris., 1882 April 7

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[COPY] Fish writes to Van Amringe about his days at Columbia praising his professors, and "dear, good old President Harris who combined learning and the power of controlling young men and maintaining discipline by his gentleness, his unyielding firmness and unvarying justness and paternal kindness and affection. He was a model President. He subjected the students to the recognition of a filial affection towards box 4

him. Fish graduated nearly 55 years ago and is full of affection for his old professors.

Van Amringe (J.H.) to Fish. Prof. Adrain's connection with Columbia College-Prof. Anderson mentioned. A letter from W.H. Campbell to J. H. Van Amringe, dated April 13, 1882, is attached; relates to Prof. Adrain., 1882 April 11	box 4
Van Amringe (J.H.) to Fish., 1882 April 24	box 4
Burgess (J.W.) to Fish. Matters connected with the school of political science., 1882 April 24	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Burgess writes that he has requested the President to petition the Trustees for the formation of a committee to look after the interests of the School of Political Science. This petition to the President was denied. Burgess is therefore forced to trouble the individual members of the Board and wants to talk to Fish.	
Smith (Charles Sprague) to Fish. Work in modern languages at Columbia College., 1882 April 28	box 4
Harreckel (J.F.) to Fish. Introducing Prof. T.R. Price of Va. University, who is to occupy the Chair of English in Columbia College., 1882 May 4	box 4
Fish to Beekman (Gerard). Effect of President's proposition respecting requirements for admission to Columbia College., 1882 May 11	box 4
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Burgess (J.W.) to Fish. Librarianship and prize lectureship in department of Political Science, Columbia College., 1882 May 14	box 4
Fish to Burgess (Professor J.W.). His paper referred to Law School Committee-etc., 1882 May 23	box 4
Fish to Burgess (Prof. J.W.). Prize tutorships at Law School., 1882 June 2	box 4
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Fish to Dillon (Hon. John T.). Judge Dillon's resignation from Columbia College Law School., 1882 June 2	box 4

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Fish to Gardner (Prof. Asa Bird). Resignation of Professor Dillon - Prof. Gardner's application—etc., 1882 June 13	box 4
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Fish to Ogden (Gouveneur M.). Respecting a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College—time., 1882 October 2	box 4
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Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Securing a legal meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College., 1882 October 3	box 4
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Meeting of Trustees of Columbia College., 1882 October 3	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Error in minutes of meeting of Board of Trustees of Columbia College., 1882 October 4	box 4
Scope and Contents	
There has been discussion about the adjournment of the meeting. Fish has come into town especially and finds that there is no meeting. Mr. Weeks' memory is that the record of the Minutes showed the adjournment to have been to Monday, October 2 but Barnard says that Mr. Weeks may have misunderstood the reading.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Query respecting reports to the Regent., 1882 October 5	box 4
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Meeting of Trustees of Columbia College; adjournment., 1882 October 5	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Delayed report of Columbia College., 1882 October 6	box 4
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Meeting of Board of Trustees of	box 4

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expect official authorization but he wants an assurance of moral support.

Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) . Prof. Chandler's letters— etc., 1882 December 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Dwight (Hon. T.W.). Vacant Chair at Columbia., 1882 December 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Smith (Professor Charles Sprague). Arousing interest among 'giving' class in regard to Columbia College., 1882 December 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish recognizes that it would be good to arouse interest in the College among the wealthy. Before giving approval to Smith's idea however he wishes to consult with his associates in the Board of Trustees.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Meeting of Trustees of the College – Fellows in the School of Mines., 1882 December 22	box 4
Cadwalader (John L.) to Fish. Letter for Mr. Fish enclosed; Judge Pinkney. A letter from Wm. Pinkney Whyte, December 23, 1882, is attached to this letter., 1882 December [28?]	box 4
Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Instruction in Columbia College Law School., 1882 December 30	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Dwight, with regret, will undertake on behalf of himself and Professor Chase, instruction in the vacant department of the Law School.	
Fish to Ogden (Gouv. H .). Privileged communications., 1882 December 30	box 4
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Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Comment on report., 1882 December 30	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Plan of Dr. Ricketts for increasing the usefulness of the School of Mines., 1883 January 11	box 4

Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Returns paper—comment., 1883 January 12	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Consideration by the Committee of Mr. Rickett's letter—taking of vote., 1883 January 15	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Dr. Rickett's paper and other matters calling for expenditure., 1883 January 16	box 4
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Fish to Blatchford (Mr. Justice). Vacancy at Columbia College—Judge Thomas M. Cooley and Judge Doe have been suggested—inquiry about them., 1883 January 23	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes %o Judge Blatchford about suggestions for the vacant chair of Judge Dillon.	
Fish to Dwight (Hon. T.W.). Query about Judge Thomas M. Cooley for vacant chair in Law School., 1883 January 23	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Qualifications of Judge Cooley for position of instructor in Columbia College Law School., 1883 January 26	box 4
Blatchford (Saml.) to Fish. Qualifications of Judges Cooley, Pinkney, and Doe, for position of instructor in Columbia College Law School., 1883 January 27	box 4
Fish to Dwight (Professor). Judge Mitchell's letter recommending Homer H. Stewart for Chair in Columbia College Law School., 1883 January 31	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Nash (Stephen P.). Committee on reception of the Memorial- objects to Barnard., 1883 February 3	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Nash the expected memorial must be received respectfully and considered. Dr. Dix thinks that if Barnard is on the Committee to which the memorial is referred he will give the Committee infinite trouble and make a minority report. Fish told	

Dix that if the naming of the Committee was left to Fish he would wish Dix to be Chairman of it.

Fish he would wish Dix to be chairman of it.	
Ruggles (Daniel) to Fish. Inquiry about admission of women to the benefits of co-education in Columbia College—wishes to consider the subject in connection with the University of Virginia., 1883 February 9	box 4
Fish to Ruggles (Daniel). Co-education at Columbia College., 1883 February 12	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Mr. Ruggles who is interested in the University of Virginia. "Women are not admitted to the classrooms of Columbia College." A memorial which disclaimed any desire for coeducation has quite recently been presented to the Trustees and has been referred to a committee. He cannot venture upon a definite statement until they report but he thinks it safe to express the opinion that neither the committee nor the Board of Trustees will entertain the idea of what is known as coeducation, that is admitting the two sexes to the same classrooms.	
Fairfield (Ch.) Oberlin College to Fish. Autograph request., 1883 February 26	box 4
Fish to Dix (Reverend Morgan) D.D. Committee report to be made to trustees of Columbia College., 1883 March 2	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish thanks Dix for the report of the committee. It is admirable and forecloses any unreasonable criticism. It places the College where it should be. Fish congratulates Dix upon its consummation and the unanimous conclusion to which he has brought his committee. His suggestion of sending a copy of the report to Dr. Barnard in advance of the meeting of the Trustees is eminently judicious and wise and is generous beyond any claim that he has upon the generosity of the Trustees.	
Dix (Morgan) to Fish. Report of Select Committee—suggests sending it to Mr. Barnard., 1883 March 3	box 4
Burgess (John W.) to Fish. In behalf of Mr. Cumming as successor to Mr. Bateman in the department of Administrative law., 1883 March 8	box 4
Betts (Beverly R.) to Fish. His resignation as librarian at Columbia College., 1883 March 17	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Beverly Betts writes to Fish. If the Trustees appoint a Librarian in chief, respect for himself and his office would require that his resignation be presented. He	

has been Librarian for nearly 18 years. His reports annually prove that the Trustees have agreed that there is a library of Columbia College, that Betts is the Librarian, that the library has departments, that Betts has jurisdiction over all of them, that Betts does this with the consent and approbation of the Trustees. Fish is a friend of his father and himself.

Smith (C.S.) to Fish., 1883 March 21	box 4
Fish to Betts (Rev. Beverley R.). Report of Library Committee., 1883 March 22	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Dwight (Hon. T.W.). Letters concerning vacant chair in Law School. A.J. Vanderpool and John B. Parsons in behalf of David B. Ogden; H. M. Alexander in behalf of Thomas Thatcher., 1883 March 22	box 4
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish., 1883 March 27	box 4
Betts (Beverley R.) to Fish. Reasons for resignation [as librarian at Columbia College]., 1883 March 28	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Returns papers and encloses a letter relating to School of Mines., 1883 March 28	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Correspondence with Mr. Benjamin F. Lee on the Professorship of Real Estate and Equity Jurisprudence. Attached is a paper containing a list of candidates for the Professorship in Columbia College., 1883 March 29	box 4
Taft (Alphonso) to Fish. Mr. Thomas Thacher recommended for the place of Judge Dillon in the Columbia Law School., 1883 April 2	box 4
Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Law School professor; meeting of trustees., 1883 April 3	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Concerning proposed printed form of bequest on the back of the statement ordered printed by the trustees of Columbia College., 1883 April 5	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Barnard does not agree with Dr. Agnew that a form of bequest should be printed on the back of the statement ordered printed by the Trustees. Mr. Ogden thinks	

that it is undignified. Barnard thinks that if a man has money to give and desires to give it he would not be at a loss to express his desire.

Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Objection to publication of form of bequest with Address., 1883 April 6	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish would be sorry to see a bequest form printed. Those who have the means would not need a flyleaf. He thinks there is something repulsive and offensive in the suggestion of ignorance.	
Fish to Dwight (Hon. T.W.). Proposed Committee meeting—etc., 1883 April 6	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Dwight. He will endeavor to attend the meeting of the committee, but in truth he feels little desire to attend meetings when a minority, having apparently acquiesced, suddenly spring objections to defeat what they had acquiesced in. He has known such things done in legislative bodies in excited political controversies.	
Smith (C.S.) to Fish. National university., 1883 April 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Charles Sprague Smith reports progress and asks to have any errors of judgment he may have committed overlooked.	
Davis (Julien T.) to Fish. Proposed placing of Columbia College on the basis of a University., 1883 April 26	box 4
Burgess (John W.) to Fish. Lectureship in administrative law refused by Mr. Cummings —qualifications of Frank J. Goodnow for the position. Attached to a letter of May 2, 1883 from Mr. Ogden to Mr. Fish., 1883 May 1	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Burgess writes to Mr. Fish. Mr. Cumming, who has just been elected to the vacant lectureship in Administrative Law, has withdrawn his acceptance, the Northern Pacific R.R. having increased his salary. Burgess thinks his father, a sordid business man, is speaking for him. He has, however, succeeded in persuading a better man to accept, if appointed, and this man is Frank J. Goodnow of Brooklyn.	
Davis (Julien T.) to Fish. Meeting of Alumni Association;	box 4

Davis (Julien T.) to Fish. Meeting of Alumni Association; Committee of Conference not desirable., 1883 May 1

Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Appointment of Mr. Cummings — appointment of Mr. Goodnough. A letter from John W. Burgess is enclosed., 1883 May 2	box 4
Smith (C.S.) to Fish., 1883 May 3	box 4
Fish to Ogden (Gouverneur M.). Trustee meeting— Association of Alumni., 1883 June 3	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish hopes that the Board will agree with him that the cooperation of the Association of the Alumni of the College, in developing a complete university system, should be cordially met.	
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Communication from the Alumni and alumni of the School of Mines—resolutions., 1883 June 5	box 4
Wood (C.E.S.) to Fish. About a Columbia degree., 1883 June 16	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish., 1883 June 18	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Invitation to Senator Carpenter to address graduating class in 1869., 1883 June 19	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Letter from C.E.S. Wood about a degree., 1883 June 25	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Wood (C.E.S.). Has written President Barnard about his diploma., 1883 June 25	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Communication of Mrs. Clementina Levy— communication with the Ladies Association through Mrs. Joseph H. Choate., 1883 June 26	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). [Coeducation at Columbia College]., 1883 June 28	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Wood (Lieut. C.E.S.). Letter from Dr. Barnard—also	

Wood (C.E.S.) to Fish. President Barnard's refusal of his degree., 1883 July 5	box 4
Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Salaries of Charles Weeks, assistant janitor, and August Weeks, assistant in cloak room., 1883 July 7	box 4
Ogden (G.M.) to Fish. Proceedings at trustees' meeting., 1883 November 7	box 4
Wildes (George D.) to Fish. In behalf of Mr. Luigi Monti, teacher of Italian. A circular of Luigi Monti is attached to the letter., 1883 November 7	box 4
Fish to Wildes (Rev. Geo. M.) D.D. Proposed recommendation of Mr. Monti for instructor in Italian at Columbia., 1883 November 12	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Burgess (John W.) to Fish. Admissions to School of Political Science—committee for that school., 1884 January 5	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Burgess wants some free scholarships for the School of Political Science. He wants to have a committee of the Board specially charged with the work of the School.	
Vanderpoel (A. Ernest) to Fish. Absence from the meeting of the Trustees—sends resolutions., 1884 January 7	box 4
Schermerhorn (Wm.C.) to Fish., 1884 January 11	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Schermerhorn thinks that our President, whatever his value as such, would make a rather reckless financier.	
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Dismissal of Dr. Barnard's proposition., 1884 January 14	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish returns Barnard's letter. Were he as wise as he is fertile in suggestions for expenditures the College would have a valuable officer at its head. Fish gathers that Barnard's suggestions were "neither damned nor hissed but, as it were, most civilly	

dismissed," which in Fish's judgment was exactly the proper treatment.

Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Respecting land purchases by box 4 Columbia College., 1884 January 22

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[COPY] Fish writes to Barnard. It is about 12 years since that the urgency of prospective necessities led to the expenditure of some \$375,000 for land on which the College has had the privilege of paying taxes, repairs and commissions ever since. An experience of more than 50 years has led Fish to the belief that unproductive and unused real estate, under mortgage, is an unprofitable investment. Interest and taxes are terrible cormorants. An account, properly stated, of the Wheelock property would show that it now stands at more than \$800,000 for the College. Another such purchase to meet the prospective needs of the College would, Fish thinks, be fatal. Fish thinks the buildings now erected or in contemplation will be ample for all the needs of the College for several years. To expend \$800,000 now for land not immediately needed would not appear to Fish to be prudent.

Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Respecting purchase of property for Columbia College., 1884 January 23

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Barnard is sorry that Fish thinks his scheme is visionary. The mistake of 1872 was because the Trustees failed to carry into effect the plan of which it was a part. It was not designed to use the property as an investment. The Trustees, however, began erecting costly structures two years later. This upset the whole plan. Had Columbia built on the Wheelock property in 1872 the present site would have paid for that property and would have paid for the first college building, or it might have been retained and added \$30,000 a year for income. It was not lack of wisdom but lack of persistence in the Trustees.

Dix (Morgan) to Fish., 1884 January 25	box 4
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Letters from Mr. Barnard and Mr. Low., 1884 January 25	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Schermerhorn sends a characteristic letter from Dr. Barnard. Fish has alluded to a beggar on horseback. Here you see him in all his glory.	
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). President's idea about College bonds as compared with Government bonds., 1884	box 4

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[COPY] Fish returns Barnard's letter, quoting from a nursery rhyme: "She lived upon nothing but victuals and drink; Victuals and drink were the chief of her diet, and yet this old woman scarce ever was quiet." Neither can our President be quiet. I think we shall be obliged to regard him as a penstock which is forever flowing. The President's idea that College bonds running 30 years would be as good and as much sought after as government, untaxed and untaxable bonds, indicates the measure of his experience in financial matters. We cannot stop his talking or his writing. But he has done so much of both that the Board of Trustees, however wearied, are not much influenced by either.	
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Relative to Mr. Barnard's letter., 1884 January 29	box 4
Fish to Tuttle (Bishop Daniel S.) S.T.D. Asks him to represent Columbia College at Tercennary of the University of Edinburgh., 1884 February 18	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Rutherfurd (Louis M.) to Fish. His resignation as one of Board of Trustees of the College., 1884 March 11	box 4
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Dr. Barnard's circular letter in relation to the new Columbia Bank., 1884 March 20	box 4
Burgess (J.W.) to Fish. Inquiry about the School of Political Science., 1884 April 3	box 4
Ricketts (P. de P.) to Fish. Mr. Fish's election as an honorary member of the School of Mines Alumni Association., 1884 April 22	box 4
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Wishes signature of Columbia College to a remonstrance against construction of a surface railroad along Fifth Avenue., 1884 May 17	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Schermerhorn asks Fish to allow Harrison to use Columbia's name in a remonstrance against the construction of a surface railway along Fifth Avenue.	
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Inability to be present at meetings of the trustees of the college or of the Astor Library., 1884 May 25	box 4
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Treasurership of Columbia College., 1884 September 18	box 4

Fish to Rives (George L.). Treasurership and standing Committee at Columbia College., 1884 September 22	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish writes to Rives. For a long time he has thought that the Treasurer should not be a member of the Board of Trustees. He has expressed these thoughts on various occasions but while Mr. Ogden remained he had, for special reasons, not wished to press them. He would certainly vote for Rives for Treasurer if his name was presented.	
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Treasurer and Standing Committee of the College., 1884 September 26	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Report and documents of the Committee on the Course and Statutes cannot be found., 1884 September 29	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Finding of missing documents., 1884 September 30	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Report of Committee on Common Statutes—Treasurership and membership of the Standing Committee., 1884 September 30	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Office of treasurer., 1884 October 1	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Barnard agrees with Fish about the Treasurer not being a Trustee. He thinks the Treasurer should be an officer with an office on the ground. Barnard does some of the Treasurer's duties, such as receiving fees for matriculation, tuition, examination, and graduation of the students in the College and School of Political Science. Dwight does this in the Law School, Chandler in the School of Mines. Chandler disburses in the School of Mines, Mr. Dewey in the library, and Mr. Hutton in the boiler house. Bills for all these departments are brought in for examination and approval and then returned to their makers who have to present them to the Treasurer's office in Church Street. Barnard has told Rives that he thinks the Trustees need a cashier and not a boss and wants a committee appointed.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Concerning election of a new	box 4

Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Concerning election of a new treasurer., 1884 October 3

Scope and Contents	
Mr. Rives and Mr. Silliman are willing to be Treasurer. Mr. Nash has a son and Nash would resign if his son became Treasurer and Trustee.	
Schermerhorn (Wm.C.) to Fish. Appropriations for buildings and furniture at Columbia College; meeting of trustee., 1884 October 3	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Office of treasurer; bursar., 1884 October 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Barnard has written to Harvard and feels inclined to adopt a Treasurer and a Bursar as they do, with the Bursar a salaried officer and the Treasurer compensated by the glory. There are 3 good men candidates for Treasurer who, Barnard is confident, would not care for the office without pay.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Scheme for financial regulation of the College enclosed., 1884 October 21	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Heydecker (Edward L.) and Ernest N. Perrin to Fish. Invitation to meet vice-presidents and other honorary guests of the Columbia College "Cleveland and Hendricks Campaign Club.", 1884 October 21	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Treasurer's office., 1884 October 23	box 4
Mitchell (Edw.) to Fish. Circular of the Columbia College Cleveland & Hendricks Campaign Club., 1884 October 23	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Dr.). Financial system at Columbia College., 1884 October 24	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish thinks the Treasurer should have a liberal salary, perhaps not all that we have been giving but still liberal. Fish was not aware of the practice of disbursement by various people. It is not a businesslike or prudent procedure. He gives a plan that he would approve of.	
Fish to Mitchell (Hon. Edward). Abuse of the name Columbia College in regard to a political meeting., 1884 October 24	box 4

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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Treasurer's office., 1884 October 25	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Mr. Weeks brings every quarter from the Treasurer's checks to the amount of more than \$40,000 for the salaries.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Absence from Committee meeting- Treasurership., 1884 October 29	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Treasurership. Receipt of fees at Columbia College Sept. 29-Oct. 29 enclose., 1884 October 30	box 4
Scope and Contents	
The Treasurer could not collect tuition within a few days of attendance at the College. He gives receipts from the College and the School of Mines, Oct. 1 - Oct. 29, showing that money came steadily from fees throughout the month.	
Smith (Charles Sprague) to Fish. Concerning resolutions about his department., 1884 November 1	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Committee meetings —powers of the President and of the Trustees., 1884 November 7	box 4
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] The Trustees have been complaining about the unnecessary expenditure of time on unimportant matters brought before them. Fish says in frankness and with a spirit of great kindness that the numerous resolutions Barnard has produced, together with the persistence of presentation of views and of policy which the Board had disdained, have tended to create a feeling which culminated in an unpleasant scene at the last meeting. Professor Smith's paper had no right before the Trustees. It should have been brought before the Faculty. Barnard has done much in the development and advancement of the College but not all things are possible. "In a recent letter, you said,	

very truly as I think, that the Board does not need a boss.

Silliman (Charles A.) to Fish. Concerning office of treasurer., 1884 November 18	box 4
Chambers (T.W.) to Fish. Petition, Union College., 1884 November 18	box 4
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Concerning opportunity to acquire letters written by Dr. Johnson or to him., 1884 November 25	box 4
Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.) D.D. Proposition— corrections, etc., 1884 November 25	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. 50th St. lots as a site for college chapel—increase of Mr. Morrison's salary., 1884 December 4	box 4
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Purchase of land by Columbia College – salaries., 1884 December 6	box 4
Scope and Contents	
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Burgess (John W.) to Fish. School of Political Science., 1884 December 9	box 4
Schermerhorn (F. Augt.) to Fish. School of Mines., 1884 December 13	box 4
Silliman (Charles A.) to Fish. Treasurership of Columbia College., 1884 December 16	box 4
Scope and Contents	
Silliman is willing to be treasurer and resign as Trustee.	
Fish to Silliman (Charles A.). Treasurership of Columbia College., 1884 December 17	box 4
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Fish to Da Costa (Chas. M.). His offer to deliver lectures at Columbia College Law School., 1884 December 30	box 4

## [COPY] Fish to Dwight (Hon. T.W.). Offer of Chas. H. Da Costa to box 4 deliver lectures at Columbia Law School., 1884 December 31 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Refuses to permit use of box 5 rooms asked - Dr. Barnard's resolution., 1885 January 7 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] box 5 Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. "Memorial of the Leaseholders.", 1885 January 26 Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Leaseholders of Columbia box 5 College., 1885 January 27 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Nash (S.P.) to Fish. Desire of Dr. Voorhees to leave box 5 medicine for the law-has written Prof. Dwight about it., 1885 February 2 Voorhees (Reese H.) to Fish. Concerning his desire to enter box 5 the Law School., 1885 February 2 Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Report adopted by trustees box 5 at last meeting., 1885 February 7 Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Still ill-Memorial of box 5 leaseholders of Columbia College, etc., 1885 February 9 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Amendment of the box 5 "Reply"—Mr. Fish's illness., 1885 February 10 box 5 Voorhees (Reese H.) to Fish. His admittance [to the Law School]., 1885 February 11 Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Encloses a resolution box 5 adopted by the Trustees., 1885 March 5 Mitchell (Edw.) to Fish. Concerning reports of Prof. Price box 5 and question of his re-appointment., 1885 March 23 Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Suggests writing Mr. box 5 Southmayd about buying property which he leases from

Columbia College—may not look for an early sale of the "Wheelock" property and need to dispose of enough property to provide for their debt., 1885 April 10	
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Proposed sale of land belonging to Columbia College and payment of some of its debt., 1885 April 15	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Failure of Mr. Ogden's anticipation of annual surplus of income for the College— reason—encloses statements and copy of bill introduced at Albany aiming at Columbia and other corporations., 1885 April 24	box 5
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Salaries at Columbia College – pending bill in Legislature., 1885 April 30	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Agnew (C.R.) to Fish. Use of name of College on announcements of preparatory school., 1885 June 18	box 5
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Committee on revision of the Government of Columbia College., 1885 September 15	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Special meeting., 1885 September 21	box 5
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Probable absence from Committee and Trustee meetings., 1885 October 2	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Committee on powers and duties of Trustees of Columbia College., 1885 October 6	box 5
Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). A Law student's request for return of part of his fee, having been unable to complete his course., 1885 November 6	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Application of Mr. Jas. W. McCormick for return of a part of the tuition fee paid as a student in the Law School – increase of such applications., 1885 November 7	box 5

Hamilton (A) to Fish. John Cadwalader at the Library meeting— Catalogue question—Columbia Catalogue—etc., 1885 November 17	box 5
Scope and Contents	
A. Hamilton writes from Nevis in Irvington to Fish. He has heard from Professor Drisler that Columbia has 15 assistants and catalogers devouring its library fund in making a list of what Columbia has.	
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Committee on powers and duties of the Trustees of Columbia College – etc., 1885 November 19	box 5
Mitchell (Edwd.) to Fish. Meeting of Medico-Legal Society at Columbia College—comment. Clipping is attached., 1885 November 20	box 5
Dix (Morgan) to Fish., 1885 November 25	box 5
Dix (Morgan) to Fish. Concerning conferring of degree on Miss Edgerton., 1885 November 27	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Dix sends Fish a letter about the extraordinary attainments and admirable character of Miss Edgerton but as yet Columbia has made no provision for conferring degrees in course on a woman. Could this be referred to the Committee on Honors?	
Fish to Dix (Rev. Morgan) D.D. Dr. Barnard's letter respecting a degree for Miss Edgerton., 1885 November 28	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] He is not surprised that Barnard considers a young lady who assures him that he is correct, entitled to a degree. If the Columbia charter would allow the conferring of a degree in the art of flattering that gentleman I am not sure but that we might examine the person, but so far as Fish knows there is no provision for that degree which the Doctor and the lady claim. Fish does not think this a case to be referred to the Committee on Honors. Our President, when he wishes anything, and he is always wishing something, wishes it at once and would like a new law for each action.	
Egleston (Thos.) to Fish. School of Mines., 1885 December 24	box 5
Herzfeld (Richard) to Fish. Wishes Prof. Theodore W. Dwight authorized to issue certain documents., 1886 January 6	box 5

Johnson (T. & J.W.) to Fish. Prize offer to Universities for essay. Written on back of Circular about the offer., 1886 January 21	box 5
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Suggested Committee meeting. Circular attached about government of Columbia College., 1886 February 3	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Rives sends Fish copy of a Resolution of the Trustees of June 1, 1885. A special committee appointed to consider modifying the government of this College and arranging details of its management between the Trustees and the Faculties that some of said details of government may be taken over by the Faculties to lighten the work of the Trustees.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Columbia College Library., 1886 February 22	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Course of lectures to be given by Prof. H.H. Boyeson., 1886 February 25	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Barnard suggests sending cards of invitation to Professor Boyescon's lectures beginning, "The Trustees of Columbia College invite the attendance of."	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Cards of admission preferable to cards of invitation to Prof. B's lecture., 1886 February 26	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish does not think that the Trustees by their action authorized inviting in the name of the Trustees, nor does he see the propriety of invitations in the name of the Faculty. If there is fear of overcrowding, admission might be by cards of admission, not invitation.	
Silliman (Charles A.) to Fish. Columbia College Library., 1886 February 27	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Silliman writes to Fish about the growing expense and extravagance in the administration of the library. Dwight has told Silliman that the law library is not as accessible and convenient as formerly and is not as much used by the students. Silliman thinks the library is used for study and cramming mostly and the Greek and Latin dictionaries are the principal boots consulted. Harvard has 27 people in the library, just as Columbia has, but the Columbia library is only one fifth the size of Harvard's. Columbia has 11 cataloguers and 16 administratives, adding 5000	

volumes a year. The Columbia library is spending 4 or 5 times more than Harvard.

Fish to Beekman (Gerard). Death of Mr. Coddington, one of sureties on Bond of Treasurer of Columbia College., 1886 March 13	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Death of one of the Bondsmen of the Treasurer of Columbia College., 1886 March 13	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Beekman (Gerard). Business arrangements of Columbia College., 1886 March 20	box 5
Fish to Rives (George L.). Reorganization of business affairs of Columbia College., 1886 March 20	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Rives as to Beekman's plan of administration. "The very primitive style in which the affairs of the College have been until quite recently administered, the Trustees taking upon themselves every duty from the washing of plates and dishes to the matter of the laws, has become very oppressive. The wisdom of the idea for the concentration and consolidation of the office for the administration of the business affairs of the College is essential."	
Rives (G.H.) to Fish. Committee on the Government of the College— offices of Treasurer and Clerk., 1886 March 22	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Rives thinks Beekman's idea is a good one but is doubtful about uniting the offices of Treasurer and Clerk in one person.	
Rives to Fish. Government of Columbia College., 1886 April 19	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Attendance at laying of Corner stone of M the new Medical College may prevent attending Committee meeting at Mr. Fish's house., 1886 April 23	box 5
Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Sends desired scheme—will furnish information any time., 1886 May 1	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Dewey, Librarian of Columbia College., 1886 May 2	box 5

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Barnard writes to Fish. Fish has questioned Dewey's use of "Professor." This was conferred upon him by a resolution of the Trustees. In regard to the peculiarities of orthography which Fish has pointed out these are used by an association of which Mr. Dewey is a member but they are never used by him in any document prepared by him in his capacity as Librarian.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Query about faculty vote on nominations of "tutorial fellows" and Professors., 1886 May 7	box 5
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Respecting re-appointment of Tutors, etc., 1886 May 8	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Barnard. A fellowship established and an incumbent appointed for one year or during the pleasure of the Board reserves to the Trustees the right of removal within one year. It does not mean that the office extends beyond a year without further action of the Trustees, as in the case of Mr. Pupin. Fish finds it very difficult at all times to catch accurately a statement made in the presentation of accounts in the meetings of the Board. His sense of hearing is neither very keen nor quick but he finds he is not alone in his difficulty of understanding. Complaint comes from all quarters of the length of the sessions of the Board.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Vote of faculty on nominations of professors or assistants., 1886 May 10	box 5
Fish to Rives (George L.). Resolution to be presented at meeting of Board of Trustees of Columbia College., 1886 May 31	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Suggested amendments will be submitted to the Board of Trustees—will show them to Mr. Schermerhorn., 1886 June 1	box 5
Dix (Morgan) to Fish., 1886 June 1	box 5
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.). Case of Samuel Sloan, Jr.; Mr. Butler's mark, 1886 June 2	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Fish writes to Barnard. "My young friend and neighbor, Samuel Sloane, thinks he has not received full justice at the hands of Mr. (Butler), Professor	

Alexander's locum tenens. May I ask that his case be examined?"

Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Complaint of Samuel Sloan Jr. about marks received at Columbia College., 1886 June 2	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Case of young Sloan, a student of Mr. Butler., 1886 June 4	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Barnard has seen Sloane and has made inquiry of Mr. Butler, Instructor. He can discover no substantial ground for questioning the justice of the matter. This came up at the meeting of the Faculty and action was taken as follows. The Faculty have a very high esteem for Mr. Butler as a conscientious and faithful instructor and as a man of singular ability and extraordinary attainments for his years.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Reference of Mr. Sloan's case to Mr. Butler., 1886 June 5	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Barnard. He thinks reference of the case of young Sloane to the officer against whose action an appeal was made is improper. He is sorry that the Faculty should have overlooked so obvious a rule of right and is surprised that anyone holding the position of an instructor in our College should not have appreciated the indelicacy of sitting in appeal as the sole judge in a decision of his course. He would not question the justice or the high esteem "which you feel for Mr. Butler or of his attainments," but Fish would enter a decided protest against Mr. Butler's assuming the position of an appellate judge.	
Rives (G.L.) to Fish. Meeting of Board of Trustees of the College—resolutions about Superintendent., 1886 June 8	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Fish's indisposition—case of young Sloan., 1886 June 14	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Barnard thinks Fish is somewhat mistaken. It was no case of an appeal from a lower to a higher court. Young Sloane's protest was about something that happened orally between him and Butler. Mr. Butler was very willing to give a reexamination but this	

Sloane did not ask for. Sloane has been repeatedly complained of by Drisler and Van Amringe.

complaned of by Drister and Van Anninge.	
Gillman (Henry) to Fish. Anthropological Collection offered Columbia College for \$150., 1886 July 3	box 5
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Archaeological collection of Mr. Gillman., 1886 July 7	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Fish to Gillman (Henry). Will submit his letter to the Trustees of Columbia College individually., 1886 July 7	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Archaeological collection of Mr. Gillman for Columbia College., 1886 July 9	box 5
Fish to Gillman (Henry). Purchase of archaeological collection for Columbia College., 1886 July 13	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Gillman (Henry) to Fish. Shipment of archaeological collection to Columbia College, etc., 1886 July 16	box 5
Scope and Contents	
Henry Gillman sends to Columbia his archaeological collection of human remains from ancient mounds on a Detroit river. He wants \$150 which Barnard thinks very little.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Purchase of Archaeological collection from Mr. Gillman., 1886 July 19	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Barnard. A letter from Gillman tells Fish that Barnard had written him "advising me to make the purchase of the archaeological collection on the terms proposed." Fish had not desired or expected any such kindly interference.	
Fish to Gillman (Henry). Check for \$150., 1886 July 19	box 5
Scope and Contents	
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Gillman's collection., 1886 July 20	box 5

Gillman (Henry) to Fish. Thanks for the check—etc., 1886 July 21	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Gillman's letter—non-arrival of case., 1886 July 23	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Receipt of case—freight bill., 1886 July 28	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Gillman's shipment—Dr. Newberry's opinion about it., 1886 July 30	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. Fish's absence from meeting of the Trustees of Columbia College and his illness— his donation of Dr. Gillman's collection— letters from Dr. Newberry and others about them., 1886 October 5	box 5
Beekman (Gerard) to Fish. Thanks for Board of Trustees of Columbia College for a contribution to collections of the School of Mines., 1886 October 6	box 5
Fish to Barnard (Rev. Dr.). Returns enclosure—also Dr. Newberry's letter., 1886 October 8	box 5
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Barnard. Fish has received a letter from Barnard thanking him for the valuable donation of the Gillman collection. "Between ourselves I wish that Newberry did not use the modern but unpleasant word 'donate'."	
Fish to Burgess (J.W.), 1886 October 9	box 5
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Story about word "donate"— representation of Columbia College at unveiling of Statue of Liberty (October 28, 1886); Gen. Stone. (LF)., 1886 October 12	box 5
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Barnard asks Fish whether Columbia ought to be represented at the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty.	
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Fish to Barnard (Reverend Dr.). Perpetration of fraud by Arnoux and Faber., 1886 October 20

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[COPY] Fish to Barnard. Professor Burgess has apparently intimated that the Arnoux case is made more difficult by reason of a supposed relationship to Fish and Fish is indignant. He regards the suggestion as insulting. The supposed relationship is a surprise to Fish because this is the first time he has ever heard of his existence. It is no doubt exceedingly annoying to have a fraud practised upon the College but the officers of the College are sensitive under such a fraud and look upon such offences as much more serious than the public do. The public may regard such frauds as evidence of cleverness and do not consider the immorality or treachery involved. He does not think it need be brought before the Trustees unless in connection with propositions to avoid such a thing again.

Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Mr. DeLeon's support of Henry George for Mayor in such a way as to involve Columbia College., 1886 October 27

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Barnard needs counsel. When the mad and silly movement in favor of Henry George for Mayor began, a man holding a petty position in our School of Political Science appeared on the platform permitting himself to be announced as Professor De Leon. Barnard wrote to Burgess that the Board had no disposition to interfere with the freedom of opinion of any of its employees on any subject but they would certainly disapprove the public expression of such opinions, when objectionable, in such a manner as to compromise the reputation of the College. Burgess agreed with Barnard. A few days ago, however, it was announced that a meeting of the Henry George Club of Alumni of Columbia College was to be held at Chickering Hall with Professor De Leon in the chair. Henry George himself was there and made one of his most offensive speeches. Barnard thinks it is his duty to offer at the next meeting of the Trustees a resolution declaring the connection of Mr. De Leon with the College at an end. He wants advice.

Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.) D.D. DeLeon's advocacy of social doctrines., 1886 October 29

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[COPY] Fish does not think that the Trustees should concern themselves as to the political preferences of a professor or instructor of the College but when they present themselves as advocates or supporters of principles or doctrines subversive of social order it becomes, Fish thinks, the duty of the College to

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disclaim sympathy. However the College must not become liable to the charge of taking part in pending elections. He does however think that the relations of De Leon to the College should cease at a very early date, but action should be deferred, Fish thinks that De Leon should be neither damned nor hissed but, as it were, most civilly dismissed.

Fish to Barnard (Reverend F.A.P.) D.D. Anniversary celebration at Columbia College—Committee meeting suggests Judge Blatchford and others to deliver the lecture., 1886 November 10

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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Celebration of 100th Anniversarybox 5of Act incorporating the Trustees of Columbia College—members of committee – speaker—Mr. Hewitt has beensuggested., 1886 December 7

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Barnard writes about the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary which will occur on April 13, 1887. Blatchford is unavailable. Mr. Jay's voice has failed him. The preference will be for Fish but perhaps he is not well enough. Mr. Hewitt occupies a conspicuous position and his name has been suggested.

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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Action of Committee on the Centennial Celebration— conference of academic degrees upon eminent men., 1887 February 1	box 5

Low (Seth) to Fish. Examination of plans at Mr. Haight's office - estimated cost of proposed building, etc., 1887 February 1	box 5
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[COPY] Low to Fish. It would be possible, by tearing down the old asylum building and the old chapel, to put up a structure that would give an audience hall for 800, complete accommodation for the Law School and 4 extra lecture rooms for the School of Arts and space above the audience hall to be improved as desired. The whole improvement, Mr. Haight is confident, could be made for \$250,000. If the Trustees can manage \$80,000 or \$100,000 the rest could certainly be raised among the Alumni.	
Fish to Low (Hon. Seth). Declines to begin subscription., 1887 February 2	box 5
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[COPY] Fish does not wish to head the list of subscribers but he hopes Low will not be discouraged in his design.	
Schermerhorn (Wm. C.) to Fish. Concerning Centennial subscription for the benefit of the College., 1887 February 3	box 5
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Schermerhorn to Fish. Schermerhorn has doubted the success of a Centennial subscription but Fish's opinion should govern.	
Fish to Barnard (Rev. F.A.P.) D.D. Report of Committee on the Centennial — Honorary Degrees—adds name of J.C. Bancroft Davis., 1887 February 4	box 5
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Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Centennial Committee., 1887 February 11	box 5
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[COPY] Barnard lists people far honorary degrees at the Centennial.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Accidental omission of the name of Benjamin Apthorp Gould from list of nominees for Doctor of Laws., 1887 February 12	box 5

Low (Seth) to Fish. Withdraws in favor of an earlier movement respecting a Gymnasium and Lecture Hall., 1887 February 23	box 5
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Low has learned that a movement for a gymnasium and lecture room had progressed so far that a new effort under his auspices would result only in making both efforts fail. Therefore, he is leaving the field free.	
Barnard (F.A.P.) to Fish. Sends report for examination and signature., 1887 March 4	box 5
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Barnard sends list of names of prominent people to be invited to the Centennial.	
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Barnard thinks Lewis M. Rutherford should be given an honorary degree.	
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[COPY] Fish cannot imagine any hesitation as to the desirability of having such a chair. Perhaps Barnard in his address, with his graceful and facile pen, can find some kind and appreciative but guarded words, Barnard would have no difficulty in forming a wise and prudent sentence.	
Beekman (Gerald) to Fish., 1887 May 6	box 5
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Mr. Beverly Betts wants to have a copy of the Semicentennial Celebration sent to the editor of a new periodical. Betts writes to Fish rather than to Dr. Barnard because, after the extraordinary way in which that gentleman saw fit to behave to him, he has little disposition to have any communication with him.	
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Scope and Contents	
Dr. Billings will accept the presidency if it is offered with a reasonable degree of unanimity. In a long- established and prosperous institution like Columbia certain lines of policy, ways of doing things, customs and traditions, have grown up upon which innovations must not be made except for exceedingly good reasons. Billings does not want to go to Columbia if there is to be dissatisfaction or opposition due to some Trustee's preference for someone else. Absolute unanimity is impossible in opinion about a more or less unknown quantity like himself, but he does not wish to expend much force in overcoming opposition. He has never seen the rules which define the duties of a President but his conception is that he is the executive officer of the Board of Trustees, to give them information of the condition of all parts of the institution, to see that their policy is carried out and their orders executed, that he should be able to give advice and suggestions freely and abide by the decisions of the Board upon them, that he should	

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friendly relations and good feeling in and between all the faculties and should properly represent the College on the various occasions when he will be called on to do so by tongue or pen. Billings does not crave the position. He will have to give up some things which are dear to him if he accepts it and he will be perfectly happy if the Trustees find another man they think better suited.

Dwight (Theodore W.) to Fish. Article about Columbia Law School wanted by a Boston legal journal—wants a photograph of Mr. Fish and inquires about obtaining one of Dr. Lieber, Mr. Ruggles or Mr. Geo. T. Strong., 1889 February 19

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Dwight asks Fish for a photograph to be published in an article in a reputable legal journal of Boston on the Law School. He also wants photographs of Dr. Lieber, Mr. Ruggles and Mr. George T. Strong, these to be photographs of gentlemen who have been instrumental in the growth of the Law School.

Mitchell (Weir) to Fish. In behalf of Dr. Billings—Mr. Rives box 6 and Mr. Phelps out of the way., 1889 February 21

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S. Weir Mitchell encloses a letter from Dr. Billings. As Mr. Rives appears to be out of the way and as Mr. Phelps is too old there does not seem to be a single man who combines in reputation, both national and transatlantic, the qualities of Dr. Billings.

Endicott (Wm. C.) to Webster (Sidney). Mr. Endicott's aversion to taking Presidency of Columbia— interest in Groton School., 1889 March 14

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Letter to Sidney Webster. Mr. Peabody has been interviewed but he says it is out of the question for him to be President of Columbia. He did not feel that his tastes lay in the line of a great university, certainly not now. His desire was to be near the boys and to train and develop them in pure and manly character. While he did not think that Groton School was absolutely dependent upon him yet he did not wish to leave it. Ten or twelve years more may be considered necessary for its perfect development; after that he might consider other and larger fields, but not now.

Drisler (H.) to Fish. Additions to the certified report of the box 6 Trustees of Columbia made by Dr. Murray., 1889 March 20

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Fish to Schermerhorn (Wm. C.). Mr. Clarence King— Chair of Physical Geography at Columbia—other chairs— salaries., 1889 March 25	box 6
Scope and Contents	
[COPY] Fish to Schemerhorn. Some years ago Fish had talked to King about a chair of Physical Geography but the salary mentioned did not exceed \$2500. At that time, however, the Trustees were under the spell of a delusion about its financial policy and through the Accumulating Fund they were landed with the Wheelock property at the loss of a chair of Physical Geography and some other important chairs. Columbia cannot establish all the chairs needed for a full university if it pays extravagant salaries.	
Davies to Fish., 1889 March 30	box 6
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Seth Low writes to Fish explaining the quotation in the Brooklyn Eagle. He has determined to accept the presidency of Columbia and he will have to live in New York. He is not responsible for everything that the Brooklyn Eagle says. He is sensitively alive to the honor that the Trustees have conferred upon him.	
Fish to Columbia College, Trustees of. Meeting of Trustees —resignation as Chairman. Two copies—one in Mr. Fish's hand-writing, followed by pencil copies of notes to Wm. C. Schermerhorn and Mr. Gerard Beekman., 1889 December 2	box 6
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Low sends Fish a report on the use of the Wheelock property for athletic grounds. Fish in reply hopes that Low is going to be careful about his own Annual Reports. He thinks that Dr. Barnard once printed some report in advance of its presentation and was very sharply criticized therefor. The Wheelock property is Columbia's white elephant. It has cost the college about three quarters of a million dollars and is rather a costly playground. The taxes exceed the annual rent by several hundred dollars. Fish wishes to go slow. The captains of baseball clubs, football clubs, polo clubs, etc. and enthusiastic athletes, students and alumni, wish to hurry things, aided by some newspaper reporters, readily enlisted and by that large class in the community ever ready and anxious to spend other people's money. Can Columbia Trustees be too cautious in parting with part of their trust?	
Fish to Low (Honble. Seth). Wheelock property—promises to contribute to proposed object., 1890 January 18	box 6
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[COPY] Fish to Low. There is danger in accepting Mr. Avery's offer. The setting apart and designating a room or rooms means putting some College property beyond the future control of the Trustees. The Trustees must retain the power, in case of necessity, to change the location of any part of its library. The Trustees must retain the power to determine the frequency of catalogs, the number of copies and the distribution. Fish thinks the powers of the President are limited to discipline and instruction. If Low designates rooms he designates them subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Fish to Low (Hon. Seth) L.L.D. Plans for College box 6 improvement—lands., 1890 August 25 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Fish will be very much surprised supposing the Wheelock property is used for athletics, if the maximum cost, \$42,000, will not be exceeded. He would very much sooner have some land hired for a moderate term of years, either north or east of the Harlem River. Fish to Low (Hon. Seth). Returns reports-salaries-Medical box 6 School—Athletic grounds., 1890 October 2 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Fish tells Low that he is by no means regretful that the proposed dedication of the Wheelock property to athletic purposes has failed. Fish to Low (Hon, Seth) L.L.D. Unable to attend Committee box 6 meetings to consider a closer relation between Columbia College and the College of Physicians and Surgeonssuggests that Dr. Low act in his stead., 1890 October 13 **Scope and Contents** [COPY] Fish to Simonds (Alexander B.). Williams Bridge athletic box 6 grounds funds., 1890 November 24 Low (Seth) to Fish. Visit of the trustees of Columbia College box 6 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons., 1891 January 8 Pine (John B.) to Fish. Mr. Fish's election as Chairman of box 6 the Board of Trustees of Columbia College., 1891 January 19 Fish to Dix (Reverend Morgan) D.D. Returns papersbox 6 Committee report- suggests referring to Mr. Hash as Counsel

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entered the Department on a civil service examination as a clerk with a salary of \$1200. Now that the old building is about to be torn down, Low has realized as never before the immense disadvantage of the location through its nearness to the railroad. Before more is spent the Trustees should seriously consider whether this block can be our permanent home, either for the whole or a part of the institution. Low is sure that the property could be sold without serious loss. The Fayerweather bequest of \$200,000 is likely to be at our disposal this year or in 18 months. In Low's judgment our great opportunity is to be found in our location in the city of New York and he would be opposed to any plan which threatened to change the character of Columbia. He wants a committee appointed.	
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