

of the Cabinet, they favour Dr. Ferguson. When the post-
folio for Postmaster General was to be filled, he again was
suggested to be the successful candidate, but Sir John upon
the wish & demand of de Laere the rich lumber man
appointed postmaster. It appears (so the Dr. says) that de Laere
has contributed or rather taken \$10,000 = stock in the con-
servative exponent - The Empire, and furthermore Staff
had done all sorts of work & engineering in parliament for
de Laere, so the latter paid his debt of gratitude &
the more one seems to know other people the more learns
that discontent reigns where to the casual observer it be last
found. - No, no riches bring not happiness. -

Sunday 17
fine

Busy writing at my "paper" for the D.S. meeting. -
In evening W. Peace, A.C. Webb drove to J. Clayton &
spent several hours chatting. Returning to the hotel we
met Mr. Sedgwick Dep. Min. of Justice with whom we
discussed the trial of Dalton, and other subjects till
after midnight. Sedgwick appears to know more about
astronomy than the general run of lawyers. -

Monday 18
fine pleasant
after snow

Attended Board meeting & began the examination of the
papers. - After 4-30 P.M. we adjourned to the Boeys
for refreshments. - In evening met at the Russell W. Beatty
W. Crawford, C.A. Biggar, Jas. de Latchie & W. Peace all D.S. -
But I left them in order to finish my "paper". -

Tuesday 19
pleasant

Attended Board meeting. As I am considered the authority
on the Board on "Descriptions" I examined those papers &
found that the 8 candidates failed therein. W. A. King
counter-signed the marks given by me. In presence, however,
Webb, King & I adjourned after our day's labor as usual
to the Boeys. Gallic & Soda was in favor. -
- This morning the session of the annual meeting of the
D.S. association opened. I heard in the evening that the
President E. Kainboth has made some objectionable remarks
reflecting indirectly on the Government & directly on our Dep.

Tuesday.

Minister a. c. B. So when the evening session opened, and as the first paper on the programme was not there I asked the President if he would re-read his address as there were a number present who had not heard it. This he refused to do. J. D. Dennis then rose to speak about the address & was ruled out of order, he then wrote a motion (referring to the address), this the president refused to put to the meeting, whereupon Dennis withdrew from the meeting under protest. I again arose & asked whether that motion could not come up at all, speaking at some length when I was also ruled out of order. — The programme of the evening was then gone through, I reading my paper on "Height of reflections of the electric light." — After the meeting many of us were at the Russell discussing the event of the evening. ~~There was a great deal of discussion on the subject of the programme~~

Wednesday 20
five

Attended Board meeting. — Before attending the D.L.S. meeting in the evening I hurriedly (as I had little time) consulted Dr. Ferguson as to "Parliamentary Rules," as I was bound to have the President's address discussed and the objectionable part repudiated. With "blood in my eye" as Locke said I went to the meeting & after the proceedings opened made a motion "that the president's address be now received & open for discussion." I as expected was ruled out of order, but there was no baffling me tonight — I demanded to have the question put to the meeting whether I was out of order, the president refused to do so, chaos reigned — I finally put the question myself and found only three dissenting voices (G. R. McKeachie (his cousin) Beller (Irish catholic like himself) & Bellot (French catholic)). There was speaking & counter speaking — I during all this time kept standing & facing the meeting, some threatened to sever their connection with the Assoc. on account of the arbitrary presence of the president. At five the president re-read his address and a vote of repudiating certain clauses carried, — for which purpose we moved the president off of the chair