

Colorado Springs
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Dr. G. V. Black
Chicago Ill.

Dear Doctor Black-

Your report has at last been circulated among the members of the Committee. Dr. Gardner the last one to have it returning my copy yesterday.

The cause of delay has been in the different ones keeping it beyond the allotted time & obliging me to go after it in order to give it to the next one.

Dr. Slocum has also been away for a large part of the time, in the East. He is also very actively engaged in the work of the Palmer Memorial which will be a statue of the late Gen. Palmer built from a popular subscription.

However, I called upon him a few days ago & his advice was not to attempt to call the Committee until about Jan. 15, after all the Holiday excitement has died out.

We also have decided that Colorado College is to be examined previous to the Committee meeting so that our findings can be laid before them.

On account of the Holidays, this cannot be done

until the students are back, about Jan 4th

No work could have been done in the outlying districts since October because of the condition of the roads. Snow has been on the ground constant ly since in November & the roads are bad.

We have had unusual weather for here so far this Winter but I am in hopes that we will be able to do some work by early Spring, although that is apt to be bad. You know that we had only two seasons here - Winter & August.

When the report went through Prof. Sturtevant's hands he made two corrections as follows. On page 15 - The water from the Mountain lakes, which we drink has something more than one grain per gallon & the creek & wells contain 25 or 30 grains of total solids to the gallon.

I received the diagram used at Missoula Mont. & both Burton & myself were favorably impressed. Such a form would come very near what we want with some little attraction. Thank you for sending it.

I notice in the Journals that the Chicago men are to show their esteem for you in the near future by a banquet. How I wish that I might be there but as this is impossible I will content myself by offering my felicitations in advance.

of the occasion also to wish you a happy New
Year & yet many long years of life.
I shall hope to have something more definite
to tell you before long.

Yours Most Cordially
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