of meteors but I trust we can succeed by drills & saws. — Every thing commemorative shall be deferred until I know your wishes & feelings. I am well aware of those traits of Col Gibbs' character to which you allude & know your impressions to be entirely well founded. — It has been my pleasure for many years to honor Col Gibbs character as a zealous munificent & efficient promoter & patron of science & especially of mineralogy & geology. All our classes have heard from me the history of its progress in this country & especially of the great cabinet which has been the starting point for the nation. — During the 15 years that the cabinet was in deposit — (as I have many times said) Col Gibbs acted more like a man receiving than conferring a favor; so unassuming & modest was his deportment & it was only by accident that I learned (not from himself)