

**A FEW EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION OF  
ELMER GATES AND HIS WORK  
BY NOTED CONTEMPORARIES**

MAJOR J. W. POWELL, Geologist, Philosopher, Scientist,  
Director of U. S. Geological Survey, Founder Bureau of American  
Ethnology.

“I have been out many times to see my friend Elmer Gates at his researches, which I think of highest importance. I have seen him successfully take gold out of sands by electric attraction. I saw him turn sunlight direct into electricity, charging a storage battery therewith. I saw him successfully demonstrate his double microscope to Langley and Tom Reed, whom I took out to his place. I have read his psychologic manuscript, four thousand pages of it, and have seen some of his demonstrations. I think he is doing more for education and research than any man in the world has ever done and that his discoveries will revolutionize philosophy.”

MAJOR CASSIUS E. GILLETTE, formerly Chief of U.S. Corps of Engineers, Designer of the first plan of the Panama Canal, now embodied in the present construction; Consulting Engineer.

“I have known Dr. Gates for a long time and I consider him far and away the ablest, most scientific and accurate investigator of scientific matters that this planet has yet produced. His system of work is such that he practically has physical science mentally card indexed. I believe that his discoveries and inventions put into concrete form and applied to use would be of incalculable benefit to the human race and also of incalculable profit to those who help put them in shape.

“He is a man of the highest character and his integrity is just as reliable as his scientific Knowledge.”

REV. R. WEBER NEWTON, D. D., Rector All Souls Church,  
New York; author.

“Prof. Gates’ work seems to me to be of the utmost importance. I know of no one who is doing or is attempting to do what he has been doing. Indeed, I know of no one else who seems capable of doing what he can do. If I were a multi-millionaire I would have more pleasure in backing his work for science than almost anything I know. The outcome of that work for science and philosophy and life will be invaluable—unappreciable now by many men, but such as to awaken the appreciation and gratitude of future generations.”

REV. STANLEY L. KREBS, D.D., Philadelphia; Author, Lecturer, Investigator.

“He must succeed in his cherished plans for they are in the line of the TRUE and REAL PROGRESS and BLESSING FOR THE RACE. Prof. Gates has himself, by the simple outworking of the principles of mind-using, made several hundred inventions and a number of discoveries. He has not had the time to develop more than a few or them. I myself saw machines working in his laboratory which will certainly astound the scientific world. The practical and astounding results attained by the application of his Mentative Art demonstrate its value to mankind.”

DR. FREDERICK GUERNSEY, Editor *Medical Herald*, in a published article.

“It is impossible to give in a brief sketch even a clear idea of the now famous investigator whose claims on public attention are so undeniably great. He is opening up a new world of marvelous interest to all intelligent men and women. He is not a faddist, but a calmly, coldly intellectual, scientific man, who points out new paths for the attainment of knowledge and goes on his way, carrying forward his experiments and recording only what he proves to be true.”

PROF. J. W. SPENCER, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.G.S., formerly Professor of Geology in several universities, Chief of Canadian Geological Survey of the Great Lakes.

“Elmer Gates is the most remarkable and original man I know. I have been amazed at his successful investigations, and the more I know of him the more I become impressed with his ability. I have never known a man like him. He is a wonderful inventive genius, only more scientific than usual.”

PROF. CHARLES H. HINTON, M.A., well-known mathematician and physicist, formerly Computer at U.S. Astronomical Observatory, then mathematical expert at U.S. Patent office.

“He is no book student, but one whose every word shows that his thought is concerned with realities and actualities. I cannot sufficiently express my admiration for the startling originality of his scientific methods. He makes me feel that the mind is a wonderful machine and he knows how to drive it.

“The versatility, the precision, the grasp of facts of his mind is such that he cannot fail in anything that he takes up.”

PROF. A. H. THOMPSON, late of the U.S. Geological Survey.

“He is engaged in a great, grand, and much-needed work, I regard him as one of the keenest, most ingenious and skillful

investigators of the day.”

Mr. W. G. NICHOLAS, well-known financial writer, Editor, *Bulls & Bears*.

“Delay in the prosecution of your work is almost a crime against mankind.”

PROF. ALBERT VAN DER NAILLEN, Civil Engineer, President, School of Engineering, San Francisco, California.

“I never met a man during the half century or my scientific studies and researches who accumulated in one person such an array of scientific knowledge, such unbounded scientific intuition, as you are endowed with—and you know I am acquainted and in correspondence with the most scientific men of prominence in Europe.”

F. PARK LEWIS, M.D. Scientific Investigator, Author, Trustee, New York State Institution for the Blind, Member of many medical associations, Ophthalmic Surgeon to several hospitals., Buffalo, N.Y.

“I regard Elmer Gates as one of the most remarkably qualified men whom I have ever met. It seems to me that no one can fail to realize that it is the mind that makes the man and not the man the mind, but this exquisite demonstration of it astonished and delighted me. I have never before seen these ideas placed upon the scientific basis that his experiments have made possible.”

PROF. HERMAN T. LUKENS, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, in an article published in the American Journal of Psychology, says:

“Elmer Gates covers the whole range of sciences. He proposes to put up buildings in which will be museum, laboratory and all apparatus needed to demonstrate every known fact about some one science; then he will take a class through that science by his method of work. He has readers working for him in the gigantic task of sifting facts out of scientific books. He is working to get all the alleged facts collected, then test these and seek out the theories and mere 'accepts,' thus reducing the great mass of rubbish to a small compass of accessible facts—'a scientific Bible' as he says, 'for what is more sacred than Truth, and what more satanic than falsehood.'”

PROF. A. L. MacGOWAN, A.N., Ph.D., Dr.P. (for advance work in Universities of Heidelberg and Chicago).

“You honor me in your desire for my assistance to organize and energize the great work of getting his wonderful set of

scientific principles before a preoccupied world, and crystallized into organic activity. My work in Germany was done in close personal association with the immortal Bunsen and with Gegenbauer, Quincke, and Pfitzer,—consequently my lines were confined to natural science, and perhaps this gives me an added power to appreciate what Prof. Gates has accomplished,”

ELBERT HUBBARD says in a letter of May 21, 1914:

“Dear Elmer Gates:— - - -

“Thank you for the good letter and all the interesting data. You are surely one of the World-Workers.

“Your letter is too important to answer off-hand. Alice and I expect to come down and spend several days with you in a few weeks. In the meantime here is a hand grasp and I am, with high regard,

“Your sincere

“Elbert Hubbard.”

J. RUDIS-JICINSKY, A.M., Ph.D., M.E., Secretary Roentgen Society of the United States.

“Prof. Gates' work in Electricity and Radiology and the experiments made in these lines are above praise. His work was done in the highest scientific spirit, in the light of the most recent scientific investigation. I refer especially to his experiments with the magnet and the static machine in X-ray work.”

JOHN E. SEARLES, New York; organizer of Sugar Trust and who successfully handled great enterprises.

“Some one asked me the other day whether I thought you would succeed in the practical application of your ideas, to which I replied that, in view of what you had already accomplished I should be loath to place any limit upon the possibilities of your work.”

HON. LYMAN J. GAGE, Ex-Secretary U.S. Treasury.

“I should be pleased to see THOSE GREAT THINGS you have brought to maturity utilized for the world's work.”

WILLIAM J. MANNING, M.D., Medical Inspector U.S. Government Bureaus at Washington, D.C.

“Wonderful man that you are, you well deserve all the homage the world will sooner or later shower upon you—if you care for such troubles.”

REV. HIRAM VROOMAN, President Educational Department of Cooperative Association of America, President of Co-Workers

Fraternity.

“I consider Prof, Gates one of the few great men of the times. His discoveries and work attest to his right to rank as one of the world’s greatest scientists.”

FLOYD B. WILSON, M.A., LL.M. of New York, Attorney & Counselor at Law.

“The scientific work which he has been doing for the last ten years can be classed with the marvelous, for he has penetrated secrets which have been declared by scientists to be permanently sealed to human intelligence.”

E. H. PRATT, M.D., M.A., LL.D., Professor of Orificial Surgery, Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, Consulting Surgeon Cook County Hospital, Editor of Journal of Orificial Surgery"; Author, Lecturer, Chicago, Ill.

“Prof. Gates is certainly one of the phenomenal men of this remarkable age. He is a clean-lived, clear-headed philosopher, possessed of wonderful powers of penetration, classification, and concentration. His work strikes me of such exceptional importance to the world that my faith in the support of whatever is necessary for the good of mankind leads me to expect that he will be guarded and protected and provided for to any extent that is necessary for him to fulfill his evident mission.”

PROF. EUSTACE MILES, M.A., etc., Kings College, England, says:

“I am interested in every aspect of his work and see nothing at fault, either in his methods or in his conclusions.”

ELBERT- HUBBARD, M.A., Editor "Philistine," Founder of Roycrofters; Author; Sociologist.

“Prof. Gates’ works in psychology and his other chosen lines are of immeasurable value. The history of Science cannot be written and leave Elmer Gates out.”

PROF. G. B. BRACKETT, M.A., Expert in U.S. Dept. Agriculture, member of various Scientific Societies at Washington, D. C.

“Prof. Gates is foremost in the work of investigation of Science and master of the scientific work of practical invention”

PROF. ALBERT VAN DER NAILLEN, President School of Engineering, San Francisco, etc.

“What you need, my dear friend, in order to give full sway to the children of your so fertile scientific genius to astonish the

world by your wonderful and profitable inventions—pardon me the liberty I venture to take—is, firstly: To have a free hand exempt from all financial embarrassment; Secondly: To have a helpmate, a very intelligent, practical man, able to grasp your ideas and work your plans for practical application to the fields of everyday usefulness, leaving you free of all minor details so paralyzing to the intuitional mind.

“If this can be granted to you, and it will be, for our liberal ‘Columbia’ possesses many who will be only too glad, once they become acquainted with the magnitude of your work, to help you in the grand, scientific and humanitarian mission, which is surely yours, and which you alone can and must accomplish for the glory of our country and the financial benefit of those who enable you to fulfill this mission.

“The immense value of your inventions and their ultimate possibilities in the future are incalculable.”

PROF. CHARLES H. HINTON, Mathematician.

“Prof. Gates has twenty-five years behind him of indefatigable labor and, unsparing expenditure of resources all devoted to the first-hand and direct investigation of nature. He has had the boldness to walk in the path he chose for himself and I believe he is now at the acme of a magnificent development.

“Some fruit takes long to mature :—I conceive that now these results of his scientific labors are ready to be plucked.

“I believe that whatever may be the result of the present temporary business aims and efforts to which he is obliged to devote his time, he has a great career before him. And in the wide field of mechanical contrivance in the diverse branches of the application of scientific knowledge I am certain that he has effected and is further able to effect valuable improvements and contribute notable achievements. I feel that it is a great loss that he cannot devote his attention entirely to his scientific work.”

Dr. J. A. ARMSTRONG, M.E.

“I have watched your course over thirty years and I believe you are now at your best originality and I deeply regret that you must put your time to the mere making of money when you could be worth much more to the world putting all your time to your real work.”

*Who's Who in America*, Volume X, 1918-19, p. 1017

ELMER GATES. Evolved a practical art of brain or mind building by systematic means, which causes an increase in the structural elements of the brain cells, fibers and whole nervous system; increases mental capacity and skill. Has made numerous

other discoveries in experimental psychology out of which he has evolved an art of using the mind more efficiently in the process of discovery, inventing, education; has recently done original work in electric meteorology, higher temperatures and made a number of successful electrical mining inventions. Has laboratories for the experimental research in the sciences. Institution has educational and not commercial ends in view; has donated most of his invention[s] to support scientific research.

Member, American Academy of Political & Social Science; American Microscopic Society; National Educational Association; American Philosophical Society; American Anthropological Society; American Roentgen-Ray Society; London Society of Arts; Paris Institut Psychologique; etc.