

Bell to Claudy.

To C.H. Claudy,
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Washington, D.C.

Baddeck, N.S., Dec. 31, 1908:- I have been travelling for some time past and have just returned here. This accounts for my delay in replying to your notes of December 5 and Dec. 17 which have just been brought to my attention.

I am glad to know that you have made the set of enlargements from your fine negatives of the Wright machine and of course I shall be glad to pay the expense you have incurred in the matter if you will kindly send me the bill.

My idea has been that the Aerial Experiment Association should lend its services to the preservation of photographic records of the historical flights of Orville Wright at Fort Meyer. I have therefore arranged with a number of persons who have taken good pictures of these flights to have enlargements made for the Aerial Experiment Association and at the expense of the Association. It is then my intention to present the whole collection to the National Museum in the name of the Association so that it shall get the credit of the gift.

I should be much obliged if you could place your collection, for the present, in the custody of my son-in-law, Mr. David Fairchild, as I do not expect to be in Washington for some time to come.

The Smithsonian Institution has just established a medal to be called "The Langley Medal" and the first recipient