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Jas. Means Erg.

My dear M^r Means

I have your letter of 9th and feel greatly honored by your proposal to have me elected an honorary member of the Boston A^s. society.

I shall cooperate with that society in every way that I can.

I feel sure that, like myself, you have been much gratified with the accounts of Prof Langley's experiment which have been telegraphed over the country during the last two days. He has evidently achieved another step towards final success.

I had surmised that your expected interesting news referred to a visit from Lilienthal, and I much regret that he is not coming this year. This visit, as it seems to me, would be the most effective means of selling his American patent.

I have it in mind to offer a supplementary prize of [\$]100 through your society, for the best monograph on Kites, in which the author shall give a full theory of its stability, with quantita[ti]ve calculations. Would you advice me to do this, and would there be time to set the college professors to thinking and writing?

Yours very Truly

O. Chanute