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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

9 January, 1908.

Dr. B. M. Duggar,

Columbia, Missouri,

My dear Dr. Duggar:-

I thank you with all my heart for your letter which reached me this morning. That my friends appreciate the work that has been done here during my administration is to me a comfort. They never can know the difficulties that have beset me and how far short the work has fallen of that at which I aimed.

I hope most sincerely that the New
Year may bring the largest possible measure
of happiness to Mrs. Duggar, to you, and to *My Niece*
Marie Marie Louise.

Very sincerely yours,

R.A. Jace

Ithaca, N.Y.,
Jan. 18, 1908.

My dear Duggar:

Many thanks for your
fine letter! It is of course
a matter of great satisfaction
to me to find my acceptance
of the presidency so enthusias-
tically received.

I shall certainly be glad
to hear from you about the
men who are being consider-
ed for your position. Are
Ernest Benes and Heald
of Nebraska among the
candidates?

I can't believe that you
are not to be with me in
Missouri and I should like

I hope that it is yet possible
to have you go back at the
end of this year; but I don't
want to wish you any bad
luck or disappointment in
your work here. I shall
see you soon.

Please let me know when
you will arrive and if there
is anything I can do or Mrs.
Hill can do toward mak-
ing your start easier please
let us know.

Looking forward to seeing
you soon I am as ever

Faithfully yours,
Hill

at Kilauea

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Suffolk County
New York

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My dear Dr. Ziegler.

I am enclosing
a letter relative to Scotland
which gives the sum of my
knowledge on the subject and
can be passed on if you so
desire.

We were mighty glad to
know you had safely arrived
in London and I have had
you on the list to write to
ever since your letter came.
Glad you had such a successful
journey and hope you are comfort-
ably settled with your baggage
by this time. We have a young Pol-
and if you haven't tried this nation-
ality advise you to import one. They
come as near being a "maid of all
work" without trying to play "lady"
as any thing we have struck lately.
Our maid thinks nothing of
walking to Southampton 12 1/2 miles
in a howling wind and temperature

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of 10°-20°. It is such a satisfaction to have something about that you are not afraid will hurt her hands by scrubbing the kitchen floor. - that Mrs. Brown is quite willing to put up with having the crawling sauce served in the soup - and such other slight culinary slips.

We still have the splendid miss Joe Tom. But Harriet's "little playmate" has been gone a month or more. When Harriet began to play that "mother and father had been dead most a year and she was all alone in the world". to say nothing of certain grammatical breaks she was picking up from Brother we thought it high time for a change.

I picked out the worst work of the winter, in which to fill the mushroom house. It froze and blew and did everything else - but the job is done and I am mighty glad of it. The

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manner is not to my satisfaction and I am going to have a winter time getting the earth thinned out in the orchard & cover. - but it must not happen again and I am going to be satisfied with about \$50,000 worth of expenses whether I get any crop or not.

I am going to send you some tulips made last September of which I would like your opinion. The point is in regard to slow growth. They have been at freezing temperature for the last month, but previous to that time they must have averaged 60°. The greatest difference I noticed in my tulips and bottles as compared with yours, - was the completeness with which your bottles had filled, in what must have been half

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the time or less. I never have
had tubes or bottles fill in
a month. Six weeks is the
very earliest and two months
or longer is the rule. It is
probably a matter of temperature
with possibly the medium too
dry (it certainly runs 40°
however) and I don't see that
you can make any suggestions.
I would like to have you
examine the tubes I send and
give me an opinion as to
the character of the growth.
Whether you consider it first
class, - and if not, - why
not.

I am also sending a few
reprints of the announcement
which appeared in Science of
the M. B. L. If you can use
them to advantage among any of
your students, I would be glad.

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otherwise chuck them in the
waste basket

I saw in the paper that
Barley had fallen and injured
his head severely. Is this true?
I hope not, - or at least that he
has entirely recovered by this
time.

I did not intend for you to
return any of the \$10.00 I sent.
It certainly no more than covers
the actual outlay for the culture
and I would rather you just let
it stand instead of trying to
make out a new bill.

Mrs. Brown joining me in
much love to Mrs. Duggar
and the children. We are
still maintaining a good record
for health. The children get
out every day no matter what
the weather. as always
Dorron

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Feb. 21-08
My dear Duggar.

Will you
please let me know
on the enclosed card
whether you approve
of the method of keeping
temperature of house
from 68° - 70° at time
of spawning and for
several weeks after.
I find this is a practice
of worm growers. Is
there any danger from
it in your estimation?
Now that I am
finally ready to spawn
I would like to have

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things come on as
rapidly as possible
but would not
have thought of
running the tempera-
ture up if it had
not been called to
my attention recently.

I will be greatly obliged
for your opinion. I
add the card so you
can answer at once
and not have to bother
writing at length.

Am in haste this
morning, as Mrs.
Moore is going at
5:51 to have a "burn"
in New York. That's

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tunelus and all the
rest. It is the first
time she has been away
since we struck Water
Mill and it is like
going abroad for her.
I just got back from N. Y. ^{city}
I hope you are all
well and getting
rapidly settled.

As always
Yours
Mason

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ZOOLOGICAL LABORATORY
COLUMBIA

GEORGE LEFEVRE
WINTERBORN C. CURTIS
J. F. McLENDON

May 7, 1905

My dear Huggan,

I fully intended to write to you at once upon receiving your most welcome letter, and am thoroughly ashamed of myself to see from its date that it came nearly a month ago. The truth of the matter is, however, that I have been simply swamped with work this spring and have found it practically impossible to do anything outside of each day's imperative duties.

I was awfully glad to hear how satisfactory you have found conditions at Cornell and how quickly and easily you have become adjusted to your new environment. I should think that the prospects for you with this would be most promising, and it must be a relief to a number of the many irritating conditions which one suffers here.

And we have missed you and Miss Huggan terribly and will be glad to hear from you soon.

realize that you have actually gone. This business of losing my friends is getting monstrous, and if it goes much farther I shall be the sole survivor of the ship's crew.

I am ever so much obliged to you for writing me at length in the matter of Bacteriology.

I had remembered what you had told me of the situation before you left, and had talked it over with Corb. When it came up before the Committee on Educational Policy, there was not the least disposition on the part of anybody to take the other side, and the petitions of Miller & Scherer were unanimously turned down. Of course I agree thoroughly with your view of the matter, and Miss Doug's attitude makes me tired.

This will have to be a poor apology for a letter, but it is nearly twelve o'clock and I am worn to a frazzle after a hard day. I shall try to write to you decently soon.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Douglass, and to the Thillys and Hills when you see them.

Ever faithfully
George L. Brown

Prohibition thus far has not affected the "gals".
Mirabile dictum! there is to be a beer supper at the Club tomorrow night

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

June 22, 1905

Dear Professor Safford:

Your house is now occupied by a tenant, Mr. Pryor. He asked me a few days ago to whom he should send the rent and I gave him your address. By this time you probably have heard from him.

Mr. Pryor moved into the house June 10. He will probably remain till the same date in Aug. This gives him a few days after summer session closes to get away.

The house was left in fair shape by Prof. W. Safford. I was interested in your comment, him. He has not won the plaudits of Columbians here. Mrs. Stewart promised to write you about a few things & hope she has done so, so that the responsibility for certain things may be properly located.

Unfortunately for both, us, perhaps, we have practically a full supply of kitchen furniture. We had to get a refrigerator this spring and had the other necessary things. Have you decided yet whether you will take a furnished house next year? We have a dining table & chairs but do not have hall furniture or very much bed room furniture. We would be glad to know what rent you would want for the furniture we need, provided, course you care to leave it at Columbia at all. Also any

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As already stated we need mostly bed-room furniture.

So far as I know nothing has been done yet towards organizing the Botany force for next year. I recommended to the Board about two months ago the appointment of Miss Keene & Mrs. Kunsel as student assistants for next year. In their wisdom the members of the board did not act. They were waiting to fill the head place!

Dean Jones called me up a few days ago to find out what was being done & what to do. I told him to see Sager as I had nothing to do with it. I have made up my mind that if Sager is fool enough to come here without adequate provision for help he will have the work to do himself. He will not get me to carry the work & have done this year.

Incidentally in my talk to Dean Jones I asked for a raise in salary. He was sorry that I had not mentioned the matter last semester for he said that I should have been paid more then. He was non-committal on a raise now. He seemed to think that a higher salary could hardly make up for the past! I suppose the only way I will get a raise is to get another job.

I was interested in your suggestion for a man in Botany.

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Are you people not going to get Hibbard? I had several good men in the class this year - Kunkel, Howard, Brandt especially. Kunkel is taking advanced work in Bact. this summer.

Summer session is going along slowly. Have 17 students. Most of them are in the general course. Miss Stule is here taking Bacteriology.

yours sincerely,
George M. Reed.

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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

July 8, 1908.

Dear Professor Suggs:-

We received your letter with reference to the furniture a few days ago. You have made us a very reasonable offer. The trouble is there are included a number of items that we all ready have, such as rug, kitchen cabinet, & refrigerator. I would like to have you state your price for the following articles:-

Bed, springs & mattress.

Hall rack

Oak bureau (plate mirror).

Brown (oak) wooden seat rocker

heavy (oak) polished rocker.

Small book case.

Tabourette

Set tonga etc for fire place.

Wicker rocker.

Shades, curtains, screens, etc. ^{ref. portion}

We are still uncertain but probably could use the sectional book case & the folding iron sofa & cover also the white wood bureau. When we went over to look at the furniture we did not see the small square table nor the straight cane bottom chair. However, we were not in all the rooms & so probably failed to find them. We might possibly use them also.

It is possible that I might persuade the Botany Dept. to buy your desk & chair for use in my office.

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I believe that you said last fall that I was entitled to such an outfit. Put a price on them & I will see how the funds correspond.

You note that I have referred to most of the articles ^{the remainder} in your list. It is quite likely that buyers for ~~them~~ can be found this fall. They may be left in the house if you wish to advertise for their sale. Should we hear of any one interested we of course would look them up.

The summer is passing along pleasantly. So far we have had very comfortable weather. Very few days have been hot. I hope it continues cool the rest of the time.

We have 17 in Botany this summer, the same as last summer. As would be expected most of them are in the beginning course.

Could you obtain for me cultures of any bacteria which cause disease in plants? I want to get as many of these organisms as possible. I especially desire the pear blight, blackrot, cabbage, wilt, cucurbita organisms. I thought I had isolated the pear blight organism, while I got pure cultures of an organism, the cultural characters do not correspond entirely with the pear blight germ.

I would also like to have a cabbage showing typical clubroot for demonstration purposes.

Yours sincerely
George M. Reed.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF SOILS.

Washington D.C.
14 July 1908.

Dr. B. M. Duggar
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Dr. Duggar —

Since writing to Dr. Barringer some four weeks ago I have heard nothing from the Virginia people regarding the position in plant pathology. I have almost ceased to look for any further moves from them although they may possibly resume correspondence in the fall. I think I told you that President Barringer implied that he, at least, was in no hurry about filling the position at once.

I have said nothing to anyone here in regard to the possibility, except Cameron. If Dr. Schreiner goes to Europe in August as he expects, I would like to talk it over

with him before he leaves, but to discuss the matter now would certainly do ^{me} no good.

Woods is now agitating the atmosphere about the "conflict" between Soils and Plant Industry. I don't think he expects to accomplish anything now, but there will undoubtedly be an effort made to have Congress transfer the soil fertility work to Plant Industry next winter.

We are having some very hot weather. The temperature on Sunday reached 104° and yesterday was 102° . Local showers give a little relief now and then.

Mrs. Reed is in Michigan and I am trying to survive a bachelor's existence. I hope to go to Michigan next month and will make a short visit in Ann Arbor.

With best regards to Mrs. Duggar and yourself, I am
Very sincerely yours
Howard S. Reed.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ALBERT ROSS HILL

August 13th, 1908.

Professor B. M. Duggar,
% Marine Biological Laboratory,
Woods Holl, Massachusetts,

My dear Duggar:-

I think I have arranged now to have the Executive Board meeting for this month occur on August 21st. That will enable me to remain in Columbia until after the Board meeting, so I shall not reach Ithaca until about August 23rd or 24th.

Esther is doing nicely and the typhoid seems to have nearly run its course. Two days more will bring the end of the third week, and from present indications we shall be able to transfer her from the hospital the first of next week. At the same time, we hope to move into the house on the campus, though it is not quite ready yet. Mrs. Hill has done nothing for three weeks but attend to Esther, having for the last two weeks lived with her at the hospital. I have just written a report on Esther to Mrs. Duggar.

Cordially yours,

A. Ross Hill

26 XII 1908
President's House
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Duggar:

The Season's Greetings to you
and yours! I have 'n't time
to write a real letter but am
sending a line. Let you know
that I am not lost, and
that I hope to see you in
Ithaca on Jan'y 7th or 8th
if your plans don't call you
to be somewhere else. I
shall stop with Crighton
but will be sure to look
you up.

The formal inauguration being
over I am doing business
and am kept busy preparing

In the Legislature which meets on
Jan'y 6th ~~next~~. Every thing went
off very smoothly at the inaugura-
tion and I believe the University
made a favorable impression
on the State. Seares, Lefebvre and
Loring were in charge of arrange-
ments and managed every thing
beautifully, but the chief credit
belongs to Seares. He became known
to the State as he never was before,
though he kept completely out of
sight during all the ceremonies.

As to Studman, we confidential
word. Waters and I have been in-
structed to advise him to resign
though his students have filed
a statement setting forth the very
fine quality of his work and thought
he is now working for all that is
in him. Probably we shall try to get
his resignation before a special meet-
ing of the full Board in Jan'y
though we may decide to have it
delayed till the Dec. Bd. meets near
the end of Jan'y. I shall take up
the question of his successor soon
with Waters, and am glad to have
your suggestion.

With love to the Duggars from
our entire family I am as ever
Faithfully yours,
Will

December 26, 1858