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from Fagg

Gray Herbarium
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 15, 1927.

Dr. Arthur Hollick,
N.Y. Botanical Gardens,
Bronx Park,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Hollick :

In accordance with the promise I made to you in New York over two weeks ago, I am writing to give you those references to J. H. Wilson's published theories concerning a fourth great Ice-sheet. So far as I know his principal papers are as follows :

"The Pleistocene Formations of Sankaty Head, Nantucket." Jour. Geol. 13 : 713. 1905.
Science 21 : 989. (abst.) 1905.

" The Glacial History of Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard; with an Argument for a fourth Center of Glacial Dispersion in North America." Geol. Ser. Columbia Univ. Press Vol. I: 1906.
Geo. Soc. Am. Bull 17 : 710. 1907. (abst)

" Was there a Newfoundland Ice Sheet ? " N.Y. Acad. Sci. Ann. 18 : 277. 1908.

Many of Wilson's ideas, as I think I told you, have been taken over by Craban in his recent text-book, altho Woodworth seemed to think he was pretty wild.

With a hope that you may find these references of some slight interest and with every good wish for the holiday season, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

December 22, 1927

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Gray Herbarium
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

I surely appreciate your recollection of our glaciation discussion and your courtesy in writing to me and transmitting the references in relation to the subject.

I recall Wilson's paper on Saukety Head - in fact I was familiar with it - but I was, apparently, more concerned with the study of the fossil remains in the deposits than in the theory of the exact locus of glacial dispersion.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the new year - I am, very sincerely yours
Arthur Hollick