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December 16, 1940

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

In planning for the Naturalists' Forum for this season,
we think that the following themes should prove of interest:

- a. History of some department of the Academy
- b. Report of some scientific expedition
- c. Report of some project of scientific work
- d. Subjects of common interest which can call
forth discussions of mutual advantage.

Accordingly, our program will include something from each of these
classes. The first meeting is to be held in January.

As some were unable to attend on the dates when meetings
were held last year, we wish to learn what day of the week and what
week of the month is most agreeable to all. If you have any preference,
please let us know. I suppose that 3:30 P. M. should be held as the
hour of meeting, but of course this also is open for consideration.

More likely there are special dates which should be avoided,
such as those on which occur the meetings of the Botanical Seminar of
the University of Pennsylvania, with which we have been conflicting.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Francis W. Pennell

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FWP/c

December 17, 1940.

Dr. F. W. Pennell,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th and the Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Francis:

I have your letter concerning the plans for the Naturalists' Forum for the current season. I wish that I could offer some constructive suggestion concerning the most advantageous time for the holding of these meetings. Unfortunately, my own schedule is such a heavy one during the winter and spring seasons that I should think it highly unlikely that I would be able at any time to attend. This situation is not a new one, but has continued for some years and has practically always prevented my attendance at these interesting sessions in the past. On the one or two times when I have been able to be present I have had to arrange for some one else to conduct my classes in laboratory. In general, I should suppose that for most of us at the University Tuesday and Thursday are somewhat lighter days than Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I feel also that 3:30 P.M. is the most favorable hour for calling the meetings, inasmuch as it allows for a lengthy talk followed by adequate discussion.

Our botanical seminars are generally scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month, suggesting that the second or fourth Tuesday might be more satisfactory for the Forum meetings. The Zoologists hold their seminars every Thursday, and it might be well to avoid that day in order to enable them to attend.

I fear that I have contributed but little to this discussion, but hope that the few points which I have mentioned may help to clarify the situation so far as some of us here on the Campus are concerned.

I am
Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday night,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Pogg, Jr.,
Asst. Prof. of Botany.

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January 3, 1941

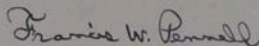
Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I wish to send you a special note of appreciation of all that you have done as Secretary of the Systematic Section. So far as comments reach me, everyone was well pleased with the meetings, although it was deplorable that we had to use a room with such poor acoustics.

Please send a record of your publications during the year for the Annual Report of this Department. If you have any other matters that you think would be pertinent, I shall be glad to have them. The report must be completed by January 15th.

Cordially yours,



Francis W. Pennell

FWP/c
P. S.

Was the taking down of Bailey's talk quite satisfactory? I suppose that you are sending this and the bill therefore on to the proper person, but will gladly take care of the matter if you so desire. Probably you know better than I about this, but I should think that Dr. Gleason should receive the address and Dr. Fassett the bill.

January 7, 1941.

Dr. Francis W. Pennell,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th & the Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Pennell:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 3rd. I am glad you felt that the meetings went smoothly, and hope that others are as pleased as were you with the general character of the occasion.

My only publication during the year 1940 was an article in Rhodora, for May entitled "Suggestions for Collectors," (Pages 145-157). If you desire to make a general statement concerning my research, it might merely be to the effect that I am engaged in field work and studies of the Flora of Pennsylvania.

I hope to see you within a few days to submit to you the manuscript of Dr. Bailey's talk.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
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November 24, 1941

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

A meeting of the committee to plan for the
fiftieth anniversary of the Philadelphia Botanical Club
is to be held here at 3:30 P. M., Tuesday, December 2nd.

Following our conversation of this morning,
I am writing to Dr. Barnhart.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Pennell

Francis W. Pennell

FWP/c

*Letter off to Barnhart Wed., 26th, giving
Friday, Dec. 19, as date.*

December 10, 1941.

Dr. F. W. Pennell,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th and the Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Francis:

Here, to guide you, is a list of those to whom
I have sent notices of the 50th Anniversary Meeting. I should
be glad to have a similar list from you, if available, in order
to avoid needless duplication.

Alexander, E. J.
Berkheimer, D.
Blake, S. F.
Camp, W. H.
Cattell, Jacques
Core, E. L.
Fosberg, F. R.
Gleason, H. A.
Gress, E. M.
Gordon, R. B.
Gager, C-S.

Greenman, J. M.
Jennings, O. E.
Kaiser, G. B.
Killip, E. P. ^{← Kelly, J.P.}
Livingston, L. G.
Skinner, H. T.
Small, J. A.
Svenson, H. K.
Spawn, W. A.
Walker, E. H.
Thomas, W.S.

Sincerely yours,