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MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY, VA.

Nov. 9, 1924.

Dear Father John:-

How many reprints of Penikese do you wish? The galley proof has gone back, and I have ordered a hundred additional copies, but you may want more. (With what ghoulisn joy a professor of English would seize on that sentence if he found it in a student's paper.)

Is "*Agrostis capillaris* L. (*L. vulgaris* With.);" correct? It looks as if the L. might be a misprint in the copy for A. Let me know pronto about this, as Dr. Robinson is the most eager editor for action I ever dealt with.

Mrs. Lewis joins me in greetings and best wishes for you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Lewis

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY, VA.

March 9, 1925.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

It is my understanding, which I ~~be~~ repeat, that you will be with us again as botanical collector at Woods Hole. Your arrangements, of course, are through Mr. Gray's department. Tell him for me that we can't get along without you.

Did you order reprints of the Penikese paper directly or are you counting on me for yours? I hope the former.

If it should come in your way I want to get fixed material of the young flowers of *Mitella diphylla*. If in the course of your collecting this spring you should come across any young racemes, I wish you would drop them into any pickling ~~fluid~~ fluid (preferably some chrom-acetic mixture) and mail to me. They will come perfectly in the fluid and need not be washed out and run up at Philadelphia. I am interested in the development of the ovary in this form. Do not, of course, lose a wink of sleep over this. I mention it because I know it sometimes happens that one runs across something in collecting which another perhaps could search for in vain. I don't want you to do a thing about this unless you stumble over *Mitella* in the woods. If you do, fine, if not, well.

Thanking you and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Joey F. Lewis

LFL/ERG

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
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UNIVERSITY, VA
March 24, 1925.

Mr. John A. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

Please do me a favor. Go into conference with Taylor; find out the exact truth about the reprints, and let me know. Robinson wrote me that he was sending Taylor's reprints as ordered direct to Taylor. I received a request for 50 reprints from you, whether direct or via Taylor I do not know. But this request reached me too late, as I learned afterwards that the first number had been printed earlier than I expected. That makes no difference as to your order, which I understood to be 50. I will forward them as soon as I get the straight of this. Everybody who wanted reprints has also wanted to increase their original orders. I think I sent Taylor's original letter to Robinson, and I think too that he ordered only 50 copies. But let me know the truth and I will do what I can.

I wish you were here to join us in some of our collecting trips. We went down to the James River last week and got Jeffersonia, which, of course, is rare in this neighborhood. By the same token Bishop's Bridge is the last place in the world where I would really expect to find Mitrewort.

With regards to the family,

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Lewis

From Fogg

March 27th, 1925

Dr. Ivey F. Lewis,
University of Virginia,
University, Virginia.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Requested conference with the Admiral has been duly staged with the following results:

(a) I am to return to one W. R. Taylor twenty-five (25) reprints advanced to me on the supposition that the well had run dry.

(b) I am to sit with bated breath and folded hands to await the arrival of the fifty (50 ϕ reprints which I am pleased to learn that you have in store for me.

Seriously, tho, this will relieve the whole situation. Taylor and I have ^{been} planning to see just how we could scrimp along on 50 copies between us, and if you really have my 50, (which I agree with you was my original order) we can make out very comfortably, especially if you will let us have that list of those to whom you have sent or plan to send. Have you tackled David Starr Jordan? If not, I'd like to get in touch with him myself, call his attention to our lists, request explanation of a couple of mysteries, e. g., Limonium, and ask where his collections are if any. If I dont hear from you on this I'll consider the track clear. The Admiral sends love on both cheeks.

Sincerely,

University, Va.,

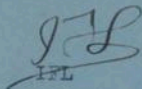
May 20, 1925.

Dear Father Joan:-

I sent you today fifty reprints of the Penikese report. Please send one to David Starr Jordan, and if he writes a letter of any interest in reply, please bring it or a copy to Woods Hole for preservation in the official copy of the Laboratory with the extra photographs. I sent the Admiral today a list of those to whom the report has gone or will go from Acquarone, Conger, and myself.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. S. L.', written in a cursive style. Below the signature, the initials 'J.S.L.' are printed in a small, simple font.

from Fagg

COPY

October 26th, 1925.

Dr. I. F. Lewis,
Miller School of Biology,
University, Va.

My dear Dr. Lewis:

I am enclosing a list of those to whom Penikese reprints have been sent to date. This list, as you will readily observe, incorporates the earlier ones which you sent to me, as well as the one which you and Taylor compiled last summer at Woods Hole. From the stock of reprints allotted to Taylor and me, I have sent to all those names included in your own revised list, with the exception of several whose addresses I do not know, such as S. F. Cook, A. E. Clarke, and Mrs. E. B. Overstreet. I have still a supply of 15 or 20 reprints, so please do not hesitate to inform me of any whose names are absent from the enclosed list, and to whom you desire to have copies sent. I shall be only too happy to take care of them.

Our trip to the Selkirks yielded me many interesting specimens, and I have a full winter's work ahead classifying and determining. Despite our limited transportation facilities, I managed to bring back about 300 numbers. I have another problem under way, however, which promises to consume much of my time not devoted to teaching. It is to watch the pond in our Botanical Gardens here with a view to determining what happens to its microscopic population during the fall, winter, and spring months. I plan to make quantitative determinations of its protozoan content twice a week, and try to correlate the abundance of such forms with the occurrence of certain Algae, such as the Protococcales, which may serve as a food supply. Probably the whole business is hitched up with the physical factors of light, CO₂ concentration, Oxygen content, temperature and pH; so all of these will be carefully calculated at the same time. The thing seems to have possibilities and may lead to almost anything.

By the way, what did you do concerning our new Herbarium quarters before leaving Woods Hole? Were the Algae and my flowering-plant stuff taken over to the room in the brick building which they promised you, or did you just leave it where it was until next year? I should hate to think of any of it being moved by the janitors during our absence.

Please give my very best regards to the Madame and your happy family of bairns.

Most sincerely yours,

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY, VA.

Nov. 9, 1925.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

Thank you for your letter of the 26th. You have taken up the slack in the matter of the Penikese reprints very handsomely. I have a half dozen left which will be enough to take care of the few not included in your list.

I am very much interested in your proposed detailed examination of the pond. I think this is a very promising line of work and hope you will get some fine results.

Before leaving Woods Hole I had many conferences with various people about the Herbarium. The consensus of opinion among the cognoscenti of that renowned village was that the Herbarium would not be safe in the quarters proposed. All agreed that the rooms in the brick building dripped with moisture during the winter and that there was a strong possibility of the collection being ruined by mold and insects if it were moved. This does not seem reasonable to me and next summer I will be able to learn whether it is really true of the new part of the brick building.

The family join me in best regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Lewis

From Fagg

March 9th, 1926.

Dr. Ivey F. Lewis,
University,
Va.

Dear Dr. Lewis:

The arrival, about a week ago, of a letter from Mr. Gray served to remind me that it is probably not a bit too soon to begin thinking and talking about Woods Hole, 1926.

The burthen (Old Eng.) of Mr. Gray's remarks concerned plans for the botanical collecting this coming season. He was anxious to know whether I counted on being on hand as of yore, how much time I could give him, and if there was to be anyone assisting me.

Do you remember the conversation we three had last August concerning the advisability of putting two men on the botanical work @half-time, and the possibility of getting Mr. Paul W. Bowman, of Geo. Washington Univ., as the other??

A recent letter from Bowman reassures me of his continued interest in this proposition, which, upon your authority I made to him while on our Selkirk trip, and I have told him to get in immediate touch with you for official action.

As I see things, it will be desirable for me to carry on the work of collecting material for the class, at least until I can show Bowman where and how to find things. This will take the major portion of my time, remainder to be devoted to instructing and helping Bowman in the preparation of pickled stuff and mounted sets. We can find out best from actual experience what will be the best working arrangement. One thing on which we shall want to focus very vigorous effort is the mounting of dried sets, which I have never had time to leave adequately represented.

Please let me know whether this meets with your approval, and what further suggestions you have to offer. How is the course shaping up, or is it too early to say? Already I begin to long for the screaming of Penikese gulls in my ears and the fragrance of drying fish-nets in my nostrils.

Give my very finest regards to the Madame and promise the youngsters another Brachytrichia hunt with Dixie cups, to be furnished by me, as a prize.

Yours very sincerely,

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY, VA.

March 17, 1926.

Mr. John Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

I approve most heartily the suggestions contained in your letter for you and Bowman to take half time appointments at Woods Hole this summer. I have no further suggestions to offer as I think your arrangement is the best that we could possibly make. I am writing to Mr. Gray to this effect.

The youngsters are already looking forward to the Brachytrichia hunt and promise to leave no eel grass unscoured. With best wishes from us all.

Sincerely yours,

Incy F. Lewis

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MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
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May 29, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Department of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

I do not know whether Mr. Gray has notified you or not but the arrangements have been completed for you and Bowman to alternate as collectors, you to take the first half and Bowman the second. This is the arrangement that I understood you to desire; if not satisfactory adjustments will be made. Looking forward to seeing you,

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Lewis

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IFL/NHG

June 2, 1926.

Dr. Ivey F. Lewis,
University,
Virginia.

My dear Doctor Lewis:

Your letter of May 29th received and contents noted with great consternation. I had thought that Woods Hole arrangements were as clear as could be, but your letter makes me wonder if I have understood things correctly.

You speak of Bowman and myself alternating as collectors; ~~we~~ "to take the first half and Bowman the second." I may be mistaken but this sounds to me as though you meant for each of us to work for three weeks or whatever period would ~~be~~ represent half of the collecting season.

In my letter to Mr. Gray under date of March 7th I reminded him of the arrangement made by the three of us last summer to have two men working at half-time (four hours a day each) for as long a time as would prove necessary to complete the work of collecting for the course and getting the collections for the Supply Dept. in order. I told him that for myself this period could not be more than six weeks. (I am leaving for the Ithaca Congress August 15th.) Of Bowman's further plans I know nothing.

Mr. Gray wrote back under date of March 9th saying that this arrangement had slipped his mind but that he appreciated its virtues and that it was perfectly satisfactory to him. On the same day I wrote to you forwarding these facts and your reply, dated the 17th of the month, reports perfect agreement and, in addition, a word of encouragement for my proposed Brachytrichia hunt.

So that, Sir, in the light of all this I am at a loss clearly to interpret your half-and-half plan. Like Masimura Togo, "I ask to know."

Bowman and I plan to drive to W.H. in an antiquated "Lizzie of Tin" and count on arriving there about June 24th, which will give me a chance to introduce Paul to our pet collecting places and to see if my favorite ponds have given up the ghost.

I look forward to ~~carrying~~ your bags over from the dock.

Yours sincerely,

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY, VA.

June 10, 1926.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John:-

Your recollection of the arrangement is correct. You and Bowman are to take half time work for as long as you are there. Possibly Bowman would be willing to stay a little longer, but that can be left till later. It is evident that my mind slipped a cog when I last wrote you.

Hoping that you are the same and looking forward to seeing you at Woods Hole,

Sincerely yours,

I. F. G.

IFL/NHG

MILLER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY
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UNIVERSITY, VA.

February 11, 1927.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Macfarlane Hall,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Father John,-

Joe Copeland is applying for a job at Woods Hole. Would it fit in with your desires for me to appoint him as half time collector to do the same sort of work that Bowman did last year? From our standpoint, we want to keep you as long as possible and I do not want to offer anything to Copeland that would not meet with your full approval. If you do approve what figure shall I set? What did Bowman get last year?

With best wishes always,

Sincerely yours,

Ivey F. Lewis

From Fogg

Philadelphia
Feb. 13, 1927.

Dr. Ivey F. Lewis,
University,
Virginia.

Dear Chief:

In reply to yours of 11th inst. I would say that Copeland seems to me to be admirably fitted for the work in hand. In fact, since hearing definitely from Bowman concerning his own plans I have intended writing you to suggest Copeland as a candidate for the vacancy.

As I shall not be able to give to the M.B.L. more time than that required for the course collecting and the anesthetizing of a few standard commodities, it would seem imperative to have some one else carrying on the work of mounting algae for the dried sets. Then, too, I can probably sufficiently instruct Copeland concerning the occurrence of local material to enable him to collect for the course, should anything alter my plans for the following year. It seems to me that we should always have a potential class-collector in reserve; think you not so?

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The arrangement that prevailed last year for Bowman last summer was that of working part time, i.e., four hours a day, for \$15 per week, thus duplicating my own schedule. That proved effective and should work again this year. Then if, following the period of the course, either of us desired to alter this arrangement we could arbitrate amicably. As I see things at present, I shall probably be staying on at the Hole for the remainder of the season to prosecute my studies on the vegetation of the Elizabeth Islands which I want to work over intensively.

Please remember me to Mrs. Lewis and to the young 'uns.

Most sincerely,

from Fogg

Philadelphia, Pa.
June 13, 1927.

Dr. I. F. Lewis,
University,
Va.

Dear Chief:

You may remember that at the Christmas meetings I introduced to you Miss Irene Fort and mentioned her as a possible candidate for the Algae course at the Hole. She objected upon the basis of a dearth in her immediate family of rich uncles, whereupon you, with customary promptness and aplomb, assured her that a "rich uncle would be provided" and then related the delightful story of the gnashing teeth.

Now, I dont know whether or not Miss Fort has miraculously procured the desired relative, but I do know that after frantically trying to arrange things for some weeks, she now finds herself in a position to go to W.H., provided she can still gain admission to the Algae course. I have learned from the Admiral that your class numbers 17 at present standing, and knowing that 20 is capacity, altho not in all respects desirable so to crowd (it was 21 last year, you'll recall), I have encouraged Miss Fort to write you at once to see if there is still a chance. I judge she will do so tonight.

As to the candidates qualifications: She was graduated from Penn in 1923 after having majored in Botany. She has taught biology in high school for three years and is now working for her Master's. She realizes that the Woods Hole work cannot count as credit on her degree here, but desires the training and knowlege of the lower forms. I sincerely hope you can find room for here in the course, for, as you readily see, she has a far broader background and interest than many of our students and is a hard and conscientious worker.

I shall be leaving for the Hole by fliuver early next week in order to have 5 or 6 days to look around in before things commence. Also, I shall take up from here a big Oscillatoria for class use and a miscellaneous collection of other Cyanos.

Looking forward to seeing you and yers doggone soon,
I am, comme toujours,

Most sincerely,

University, Va.,

June 14, 1927.

Dear Father John:

It is always a pleasure to hear from you. Among my correspondents, you and Cap Weston have the art of putting personality into epistles developed to a high degree.

About Miss Fort: Miss Celia Posen of Brooklyn, whose ancestors, I infer, formerly resided in Judea with occasional sojourns in Babylon, has resigned from the course, so that we have room aplenty for Miss Fort. We decided last year that twenty was too large a number, and that eighteen would be our limit this year, but even with Miss Fort there seem to be only seventeen. Now about the rich uncles, hearken. I still retain the fifty dollars contributed by Miss Furber with touching trustfulness, and it is beginning to sear the old conscience. If Miss Fort needs it, let's establish the Furber Scholarship for 1927, and nominate Miss Fort as the first and last recipient. I leave this to your judgment. If you approve, let me know, and give me Miss Fort's address, so that I may impart the glad tidings in due and ancient form.

I have not yet heard from Miss Fort. Suppose you sound her out. I am writing also to the Admiral, so that if you are en route and this letter does not reach you promptly, he may act.

Best regards from us all. It certainly is lucky for us (especially lucky and timely) that you will be on hand, as I understand that Fr. Keefe is in bad with his Bishop, and if you were not to be there we might be entirely lacking in ghostly instruction and godly admonition. Keefe may come, but it is doubtful,

from Fogg

Dr. Ivey F. Lewis,
Univ. of Virginia,
University, Va.

Dear Boss-Chief:

There seems indeed to have been some misunderstanding concerning the Penikese reprints. The Admiral asked me before Christmas how many copies I wanted, saying, as I understood him, that he was putting the order thru to you for both of us here. I told him a hundred copies, and if I remember correctly he wanted another hundred himself. So we were both not to say surprised when the recent shipment of fifty arrived. I dont suppose there is anything that can be done about it, altho I for one would be glad to pay the cost of some extras if they could be obtained.

In re Woods Hole, you know I shall be on hand, D. and Mr. Gray willing. Your cordial invitation fixes that. In fact, I dont see any real possibility of your ever getting rid of me unless you apply the axe. I shall make a special effort to bring up with me this year material for class which can not be readily found around W. H., such as good Oscillatoria, Gloeocapsa, etc. After the course, if all goes well, I am going west to the Selkirks with Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs and Taylor.

Funny, your wanting Mitella; Osterhout has just written in to see if he can procure N-----. Sent some off to him today. Your case will have to wait a little longer, however, for altho I was recently at a place called Bishop's Bridge, it was a trifle too early for the Mitrewort. I stand a good chance of seeing your plant on some of our Spring trips, and shall certainly keep you in mind when I do run across it. I know one sure locality for Mitella, which I shall be visiting for other reasons in a few weeks, and shall take appropriate measures to snare and embalm it for you.

My very best wishes, please, to Madame, whom I trust I shall see with the young ones in tow at W. H. ere long.

Sincerely yours,