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Li, Hui-Lin

from Fogg

November 6, 1944.

Dr. Hui-Lin Li,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th and Parkway,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Li:

Thank you so much for having supplied me with a copy of your very interesting paper on "The Phyto-geographic Divisions of China." I think you know how lively is my interest in this matter and I am indeed grateful to you for having sent me your paper. Your analysis of the floral areas seems to me an extremely interesting and helpful one and I assure you that I shall find this study of very great value in my own teaching and research.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany.

LI, HUI-LIN

ORLAND E. WHITE, DIRECTOR
MAIL ADDRESS APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 1
BOYCE, VA., OCTOBER 1 TO APRIL 1
BIOLOGY BUILDING, UNIVERSITY STATION
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

THE BLANDY EXPERIMENTAL FARM

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOYCE, VIRGINIA

ALL BILLS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE MANAGER,
THE BLANDY EXPERIMENTAL FARM
BOYCE, VIRGINIA

September 25, 1950.

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I came with my family to this country in July, and am now temporarily located here for work in cytotaxonomy. During the last three years I taught at the National Taiwan University of Formosa.

The conditions in China are such that it is advisable for me to stay in this country for some time if possible. I am thus looking for a position either in teaching or research. Should you know of any opening, now or in the near future, either at the University of Pennsylvania or some other institutions, please help me find a chance to apply.

Dr. Schramm still has the manuscript of mine on the floristic relationships between eastern Asia and eastern North America which you had kindly gave advice during its preparation. I understand he was in Europe during the summer and wonder whether he has returned. I am anxious to learn from him any prospect for its publication.

With best regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hui Lin Li
Hui-Lin Li

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October 30, 1950

Dr. Hui-Lin Li,
The Elandy Experimental Farm,
University of Virginia,
Boyce, Virginia

Dear Dr. Li:

I was indeed pleased to receive your recent communication and to learn of your present situation. You may rest assured that I shall keep you firmly in mind if an opportunity for you should develop either here or elsewhere. Naturally, appointments for the current academic year have been made, but usually around the first of the calendar year I receive numerous communications from Chairmen of Departments around the country asking me to nominate men for teaching appointments on their staffs. I have a very high regard for your personal and intellectual qualifications and shall be happy to recommend you when an occasion offers itself.

I have just spoken to Dr. Schramm about your manuscript and he tells me that he will soon be writing to you concerning it. I do hope that arrangements can be made for its publication and I know that a great many of us who are interested in the subject would be glad to see it in print.

Mrs. J. Norman Henry has told me that your sister is in the country and has asked whether I could do anything to help her find a position. She has not, however, told me very much about your sister's educational and professional experience and I should be very glad if either you or your sister would write to me giving me further details of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

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Nov. 1, 1950.

Prof. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Prof. Fogg:

I am very thankful for your kind and encouraging letter. I am looking forward to your help in securing a suitable job for me to remain in this country for sometime.

My sister, Ming-Dju Li is a graduate of Ginling College, Nanking, China. She taught for several years in a normal school for girls and worked also as a staff member of the YWCA. She came to this country two years ago and first received the M. A. degree from Texas Western College of the University of Texas studying history and later spent another year at the Scarritt College for Christian workers at Nashville, Tenn. She was all set to return to China this summer, but after considerable delay, she could not secure entrance permit to Hongkong from British authorities. Under the present situation it seems very difficult for most Chinese students to negotiate their trip back to China.

She is anxious to find some work to do in order to support herself or to find some chance to enter into further studies. Any help you can give her will be most deeply appreciated by us all.

With thanks, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Hui Lin Li

Hui-Lin Li

LI, H.L.

Department of Botany
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, 25, D. C.
May 8, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I have spent considerable time in the last weeks revising my manuscript "Floristic relationships between eastern Asia and eastern North America", following the suggestions made by you and Dr. Merrill, and have emended with additional material, brought the literature up to date, and redrawn all maps according to the latest knowledge. With the help of Dr. A. C. Smith, who read the manuscript critically, I think the work is now in good shape.

The manuscript is retyped and is being sent to Dr. Eisenhardt of the American Philosophical Society for their consideration. Dr. Schramm agrees to give his strong backing for its publication. I hope the manuscript can be accepted for publication and will appear at an early date. May I request you to write Dr. Eisenhardt recommending its publication.

I visited Philadelphia briefly about ten days ago but as I was staying at Gladwynne, did not find time to call at the University. I did meet Dr. Wherry at Mrs. Henry's place. I hope to come again sometime to call on you.

My assignment here at the National Herbarium is temporary which will end this July but with the possibility of extensions for one or two six-months terms. It seems that conditions in the Orient will not be settled for a few years to come and it may be desirable and profitable for me to remain in this country longer as my family is already with me and I can always do some productive botanical work here. I wish that you can help me look out for any such opportunity which may become available any time during the coming twelve months.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Hui-Lin Li

Hui-Lin Li

from Fogg

May 23, 1951

Dr. Hui-Lin Li,
Department of Botany,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Li:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have written to Dr. Eisenhart recommending the publication of your manuscript. I am delighted to learn that you have finally completed this work and that you have brought your lists and maps up to date. I shall indeed be eager to see this work published and shall certainly rely upon it heavily in my course on Plant Geography.

I note that you are on the lookout for an opportunity to carry you over for the next year and I shall certainly keep you in mind if anything comes to my notice which I think might be of interest to you. Universities, of course, are all very much in the dark as to what is going to happen to them next fall, but it is my own optimistic belief that our enrollment will not suffer a material decrease and that there may be additional opportunities for faculty appointments between now and September 1st. If I hear of anything, you may rely upon my calling it to your attention.

With best wishes and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

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from Fagg

May 23, 1951

Dr. Luther P. Eisenhart,
Executive Secretary,
American Philosophical Society,
104 South 5th Street,
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

Dear Dr. Eisenhart:

I have recently been informed by Dr. Hui-Lin Li, who is attached to the Smithsonian Institution, that he has completed and is submitting for your consideration a manuscript dealing with "The Floristic Relations between Eastern Asia and Eastern North America."

I am well acquainted with Dr. Li and have a profound respect for his scholarly attainments. As a matter of fact, I read the preliminary draft of his present manuscript five or six years ago and urged him to seek an outlet for publishing it.

As you are doubtless well aware, the botanical affinities which exist between eastern North America and eastern Asia have long been a matter of interest to biologists. I have for some time felt that this relationship, which was first recognized by a student of Linnaeus around 1770 and later developed by Asa Gray, should be the subject of critical reexamination in the light of our more recent floristic knowledge and by someone possessing a first-hand knowledge of the floras of the two areas. Dr. Li's work measures up to these qualifications and although I have not seen his manuscript in its present form, I am confident that it will make an important contribution to a field which has long been in need of more careful study. I therefore take pleasure in recommending that Dr. Li's paper be published by the American Philosophical Society.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

From Fogg

September 17, 1952

Dr. Hui-Lin Li,
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences,
19th and Parkway,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Dr. Li:

I wish to express my warm appreciation of your kindness in sending me a copy of your paper on the floristic relationships between Eastern Asia and Eastern North America. My interest in this subject, as you well know, is one of long standing and I am delighted to see in print this scholarly treatment of a topic which has long been subject to a variety of interpretations. You may rest assured that this paper will be extremely useful to me in my teaching and I wish to congratulate you on having brought to completion such a fine and important piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

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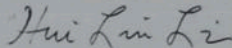
Prof. J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Vice Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Prof. Fogg:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 17. It is my intention to continue on studies on the floristic relationships between Asia and America, and, when time permits, to make a similar study on the generic alliances between eastern Asia and Central America (including Mexico). I wish you would allow me again to consult you in the course of this study.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Hui-Lin Li