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Dr. Warren G. Waterman,  
Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois.

February 9, 1926

Dear Dr. Waterman:

I was very much interested in your article on the "Plant Communities of Alpine Park" which appeared in the October number of the Botanical Gazette for 1925.

This piece of investigation certainly represents a decided contribution to a field which has been long neglected, and you are indeed to be complimented upon the comprehensive series of observations which you have recorded for so unusual a region.

During the summer of 1925 it was my good fortune to spend considerable time collecting and studying the plant distribution in Glacier Park, B.C., a region some 200 miles N.W. of Glacier National Park, Montana. Here I found many of the species which you mention, and it was very interesting to me to be able to make a comparison of the two localities.

Your Cassiope mertensiana, which you note as rare, was, with us, the common heather, its place being taken always above the 8000 ft. mark by the closely related C. tetragona. I noted the same pioneer hardiness for Loa alpina which you emphasize. Unfortunately I had no opportunity to check up on the succession of occupation of retreating moraines, but I have this definitely in mind as a matter for future study.

Such, indeed, is my interest in the type of work which your paper represents that I am emboldened to inquire whether there is any possibility of my procuring a reprint of it.

I trust that you will ascribe the liberty which I have taken in thus addressing you to the genuine and lively satisfaction which I have derived from reading your report.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg,  
Curator of Herbarium.

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February 19, 1926.

Curator John M. Fogg,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Your great interest in my article on Alpine Park was very stimulating as I had not come in touch with many botanists who have studied the flora of the northern Rocky Mountains. I shall be glad to send you a separate of this article.

In the summer of 1924 I visited several localities along lines of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railroad and noted the points you make in regard to Cassiope tetragona and C. mertensiana. It is barely possible that C. tetragona might have been found in Glacier Park but I was not familiar with the distinction between the two species at that time and the specimens I collected were only C. mertensiana.

I was very glad to hear from you in regard to this matter and shall be interested to receive information or comments at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

W.G. Waterman.

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from Fogg

March 9th, 1926.

Dr. Warren C. Waterman,  
Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Dr. Waterman:

Many thanks for your kind letter and the reprint which followed it. I am very happy to be able to add the latter to my files and to learn of someone else who has worked on the type of thing which your valued paper represents.

I am more interested personally in working out the systematic relations of our alpine western plants with those of eastern America and the Old World. The list of Rocky Mt. forms which turn up again in the northeastern U.S., and are also represented across the Atlantic, continues to grow, and offers fascinating problems in plant distribution. But, in order to understand how plants migrate, we must first know why they migrate, and to this end observations of the sort which you have made are of fundamental importance. May the day soon dawn when the ecologist and systematist will work together !

Once again thanking you, I am,

Most sincerely yours,