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from Fogg

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Nov. 22nd, 1925.

Dr. Edgar T. Wherry,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Wherry:

The Secretary of our Philadelphia Botanical Club has told me of a letter which he has had from you in reference to addressing our organization at the December meeting, if the date can be made to coincide with the time when you plan to be in this city. I have consulted with Dr. Stone, Executive Curator of the Academy, and have learned that it will be possible for us to shift the date of our meeting to suit your convenience.

As I understand Mr. Dreisbach, you plan to be in Philadelphia the week of December the 21st. If this arrangement still holds, and if your kind offer to talk to the Club the early part of that week is still open, you may have the night which is most agreeable to you, that is, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Dec. the 21st, 22nd, or 23rd. Thursday, of course, being Christmas Eve, is entirely out of the question.

If you will address your reply to me at this University, giving if possible a title for your talk, I shall put this information at once into the Secretary's hands, that notices may be printed as soon as possible. We shall all look forward with a great deal of pleasure to this communication from you, I assure you.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Professor Fogg:

It would suit me best to give a talk to the P.B.C. on the evening of Wednesday, December 23rd. This, it would seem, is the least change in date of meeting that could be made (just putting it one day ahead). However, if the members feel that a Thursday would be better, I might arrange to make it on Thursday, the 31st, although of course that is again a night before a holiday and therefore undesirable.

While the most unusual trip I have recently taken is that to the southern states, I do not have the lantern slides of this trip ready yet, so will talk instead on "Studying Plant Distribution on Mt. Desert Island, Maine." if you feel that this sounds desirable. The slides will be arranged as usual in the "manual order" from ferns to composites. I will bring along 100 of them, but some can be cut out if it is felt desirable not to have so long a meeting.

With many thanks for your invitation to speak,

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar J. Wherry

from Fogg

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Nov. 27th., 1925.

Dr. Edgar T Wherry,  
Bureau of Chemistry,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Wherry:

Your kind letter of November 24th is at hand, and, in reply, I would like to say that the evening of Wednesday, December 23rd will be a perfectly satisfactory date for you to talk to our Philadelphia Botanical Club. In fact, this seems by all odds to be the best evening of the week, since, as you yourself observe, it involves only one day's change in the date of the regular meeting.

The topic which you suggest, namely, that of the plant distribution on Mt. Desert Island, Me., will be most acceptable. Several of our members have been so fortunate as to visit this unusual island and all of us I know will be exceedingly interested in hearing more about it.

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As for the length ~~for~~ your talk, I should say that that was entirely up to you. We shall be glad to see all the slides that you have to show and to hear all that you have to say. Being our Christmas meeting, there will be the customary refreshments, and we shall not break up until rather late anyway.

Please feel entirely free to invite anyone you care to to attend the meeting; in fact, I shall ask Mr. Dreisbach to send you a few extra notices.

Thank you many times for your generous and prompt response. I shall certainly look forward to seeing you.

Very sincerely yours,