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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

N. L. T. NELSON, BOTANY

GAINESVILLE, FLA.

MAR 10 1915

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My dear Effie:

I got your letter ready--- six pages in five days and yet I could have said more had I commented on your letter.

A cold wave reached us last night about 40 at night, but in the day sunshine it is 30. This gave rise ## to some joking remarks to me that I was right when I agreed with Prof. Bucholz that Florida was growing colder.

I am writing this to the tune of the lawn mower in the adjoining lot. The yards are filled with roses, ~~roses~~, pinks, nasturtiums, oxalis as a weed, daffodils and a lot of new things, new to me. The plum trees bloomed a while ago. Peach trees are blooming now. I have noticed some blooming since November. The Pikson peaches will ripen next month. They are quite large and turning red. The pear trees are also blossoming. Something can be planted every month, the July and August are the two months when the planter sits on the piazza and hears the grass grow.

I have re read your letter: I did not read the Ladies World at all. I have a kindly feeling for it because Frances took it. A copy came addressed to her and an offer of 10c a year. I think she died about the time so it was never renewed. Yes the new baby was a complete surprise to me-- but I think the Martins must have known of it for some weeks before the stork brought him.

Yes, I have had two or three Chronicles here.

No, housekeepers can not keep my room straight. I pile papers and books and boxes and typewriter supplies and pens and bottles all over the 3x10 table and when it will hold no ## more I pile it on the floor under the table and then under the bed.

I did not suppose there was any \$ 102 typewriters left. It costs about \$12 to make them and the best of them retailed for \$75 I thought of which the

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agent got from \$25 to 40⁰⁰. I suppose the if a man wants a \$102 machine the agent would accommodate him.

This morning O'Kelly came out at my request and officiated but tomorrow I am loaded. I have selected appropriate verses from the VII & VIII Psalms. I had my two regular Wednesday classes. The Normal class consisted of ^{one} man only. There is said to be a second normalite but he did not show up. I talked to the man who came and then let him go.

Last night I went to bed at one but could not sleep till after three. I made use of the time and read two Springfield Republicans. I have only the last one left. I have read two pages in that and I will read one page now. Supper at the German restaurant consisted of hot coffee, bread and biscuit, beefsteak, eggs, fried potatoes, grits, canned corn, baked pork and beans with pie. I eat all except the grits.

I had a letter this evening from Lloyd, naming ^{Jungi} names # 100 to 150. Some were new, and some were known from Mexico and Cuba but not from Florida. Read an article in the S R about how Britain treats her German prisoners, not soldiers, but German business men living in British Empire, about a little worse than Andersonville.

I read Antiquity of Astrology on page 34 of Reason and consider it trivial. I have often thought of Celia Kempf's husband. He ceased to be a Kempf as soon as Celia died-- and only a boy at the time. So he is in Oregon. So Danforth preached a splendid sermon--- but of the holiness type. You remember the girl at Minnehaha who went into a trance or hysterics when her little brother was supposed to have drowned. Hazel does not owe me a letter. I owe her one and I will write this month. I saw in the Jacksonville Metropolis that 19 towns in Minnesota had gone dry. It surely was high time for Minnesota to get out of the liquor camp to some extent. I always, even in my day, believed that the people were right at heart but they had to vote the Republican ticket even if the devil was at the head of it. I am sorry for the Tanners. Such good people both of them.

You read page 16 of Reason. I merely glanced at that. I have not yet reached the Stead article.

U. J. VERNON, DEAN,
W. L. FLOYD, HORTICULTURE
C. L. WILLOUGHBY, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
J. P. DUGGAR, JR., AGRONOMY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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1915 Last night I had a fine sleep. To morrow Hobson will speak here at the Shataqua. I officiated at chapel today but did very much like the rest. My class in Normal Botany doubled in 24 hours. Today two came and did well. One of them said he could study us in his room to pass a teachers' examination but he wanted to be able to go out in the woods and name the plants and that was why he came.

Who was Mrs. Bernie Johnson before she changed her name?

Yes, the Barry people are interesting people.

Hobson the temperance congressman and kisser of girls and sinker of the Merrimac will speak here tomorrow night. Sometimes there is trouble over the GAR in Lutheran churches. The Lutheran church forbids secret societies. It was aimed at masons and to a limited extent Odd Fellows and K of P's etc. In Vasa they ignored the GAR. It was brought up when I was a member there. The question was side tracked by the minister. When Wm. Petersen asked if it was permissible to join the GAR the minister said Bring in a Specimen and lets see how they look-- and passed on to other business. The objection in Vasa was not to the flag and I should not think that was the case in Zumbrota.

I hope Bro. Richardson is doing all that is expected in his new abode. I hope they will fight good and plenty, if fight they must, but do it privately, instead of in the presence of the town people.

I often thought of sending you violets but it is too late now as your own must be out. But, I had no yard here as I had in SC and Schnabels had only two or three rows and the Pinkosons did not blossom till Jan. or Feb. As a rule men dont handle lace enough to become experts.

Are we going to spend a week in Minneap. next summer?

I do not send you Haynes articles because I believe him but to show the kind of ignorant fools evangelists are-- ie some of them.

I notice that the Cosmopolitan article the Pinkosons wanted me to read is

reprinted in Reason on page 37,

MAR 12 1915 Rev. Campbell did not show up at chapel so I had to lead, but I was prepared much better than Thursday. A judge of the supreme court and former Attorney General of Florida and now and for some years Member of the Board of Control of this State, followed me in one of the noblest speeches I ever heard and I told him so. We shook hands three times today and he seemed almost as friendly as BRO Murphree. He spoke of study and its importance but urged morals as vastly more important and urged the boys not to live for mere money but to live for the good they could do for brother man. Great wealth falls to bring happiness. While poverty is hard there is a middle ground that is the best foundation here for real happiness in the joy of doing good. ***** I took an hours walk with Rich gathering fungi.

It is 11 and I am back from hearing and seeing and talking and shaking hands with Captain Richmond P. Hobson. I am too sleepy to write more now but I will tell about his speech later.

MAR 13 1915 It drizzled on my way to the U but I did not get wet enough to hurt. I had arranged to go to Alachua Sink with 3 boys but owing to the threatened rain I discharged them-- and we walked around the campus till the drizzle became a rain. Whether my coat will need repressing or not as a result will be shown when it gets dry. For four solid hours I toiled in the Bacteriology lab while the boys made cultures and cleaned test tubes and sterilized petrie dishes.

At the Presbyterian church was a big funeral and several blocks of hacks. The coffin was the coffer of Marions and there were masses of flowers and a flag decoration.

My normal class yesterday did not increase more than 50% instead of 100% as the day before. I have three men about 27, and rather above the average. I received an Ingersell booklet that I sent for. The price of the Yankee is \$ 1. of the Eclipse, \$1.50 of the Junior or Widget \$ 2. The last for ladies the Trenton, from \$5. to 35\$ according to whether it is 7, 15 or 19 jewel, and if the case be nickel or 25 year gold filled.

While we were moss hunting this morning we found a lot of huge ripe straw berries, the first I have hand picked in Florida.

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I have seen the church statistics for the US-- Methodists 7 millions, Baptists 6 and Lutherans and Presbyterians 2 millions each. I read an article on England's action in Persia as being in every way as brutal as Germany's in Belgium. Bruce Hickey of Fine Island, I think, was in charge at the time in Persia and wrote a book denouncing England in the strongest terms.

I read the Stead article, p. 47 of March Reason. The Borderland, was a Magazine that Stead published at the time for affording people a knowledge of ^{the} land of spirits. I heard of it but never saw it: "We are not made infallible because we put off our bodies." We see many things you do not." Read the last sentence on p. 49.

Mrs Shaw died this week. The Shaws are Bostonians about 30 years old. Their house is across the street from the campus. Van rooms there. The body was shipped to Mass yesterday. They have one daughter, unmarried stenographer to Dir. Rolfs, about 40-- I was on the point of rooming there once.

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When I came to Schnabelville this morning at 9:30 Gus was there. Gus is Mrs. Schnabels brother about 30 and married and lives in Jacksonville. Everybody knew Gus except me and I knew him too now. He is some sport. He likes a Schnapps. He goes to nice dances every week. He does not hang around the YMCA.

As I went to church twice last Sunday it would not be right to go this morning. So I staid over at the U from 9 to 12 and wrote letters on the college typewriter. After dinner Van proposed that we take a stroll in to Gods green woods. We strolled. I saw a dozen ⁱⁿ sicks and a river run into a hill and disappear. I found alga, fungi, lichens, liverworts and mosses. The yellow jessamine is glowing like a hundred golden rods in the woods.

the dogwoods lift their snowy heads high in the air.

At dinner today for desert we had all the strawberries we cared to eat, with sugar and milk--went call it cream, perhaps in honor of Gus. The berries are large and red and very fine.

Last night Van came in and staid till 10.

Saturday I bought a 50c umbrella, warranted by the store men not to shed rain. I have lost two this year and I want to see if it is as easy to lose a 50c one as a \$ 2. one.

It is 6:30 I have only been home half an hour. I must close and go to supper and on the way mail this that it may start on its long journey into the bleak and frostbitten North.

With Love,

N.

N.L.T. Wilson

to his wife's sister