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Louisa Sargent
and
Henry S. Conard
announce their marriage
on Wednesday, the twentieth of December
Nineteen hundred and fifty
Grinnell, Iowa

At Home
1014 Park Street
Grinnell, Iowa

Dear Mr. Lowry:

I am busy vacating a half of my house to accommodate an elderly couple who will share the house with me. So I certainly cannot ^{meet} make my appointment with you on Monday morning. I may not get to Iowa City at all this week. If weather is excellent I may come by auto. Sorry.

Yours
H. S. Conard

Sunday morning.

Lakeside Lab.
Milford, Iowa



MILFORD, IOWA
JUL 11 - PM
1950



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Bernard Lowy
Canal Zone Biological Area
(Barro Colorado Island)
Drawer C
Balboa
Canal Zone

HENRY S. CONARD
1310 ELM STREET
GRINNELL, IOWA

Lakeside Lab
Milford, Iowa

VII-9-1950

Dear Mr. Lowy:

We are indeed spending a pleasant and profitable summer. The moss clinic is more successful than one could have imagined. We are all (5 of us) busy from 7:45 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., with time out for meals, and, for me, to saw and split some wood. I have a good pile stacked up. At the lab we constantly confer on problems of identification, and when one person makes a good preparation we all see it. There are four beginners who get a lecture every morning; the clinic people often sit in on that. Of course *Climacium* and *Amblytegium varium* have had attention. For we have only one more week in this term.

We have been to Miller's Bay, fern on Little Sioux, Milford gravel pit, Silver Lake fern, and Estherville - Grætinger.

We have the entire laboratory to ourselves. Next to my room are Dr. Whitehouse from Texas and Miss Gentry; in the next room Dr. Lawton & Dr. Welch; in the last room the class: Farrow, Brown, Poor (M.S. 501) and Mrs. Goodwin. The first four compose The Clinic.

A Dr. Bardach, limnologist, takes the place of Dr. Grant in a way, but Dr. Pohl of Ames does the field botany. Dr. Johnson has a good class in protozoology.

Mr. King & Bety are here. Bety has a brand new bicycle, and is learning to ride — on the campus. Mrs. Peddicord produces her over-tempting meals. The new house for McKinstry is not yet ready to live in. Plumbers seem to be the cause of delay. It is a very nice little 2-story building, mostly white.

This is one of those cold rainy days. The rain is unusually heavy, but it is now, in the afternoon, mostly a fine drizzle in an east wind. The stove in the lab is keeping us warm. The whole

season has been cold, especially at night. We have needed blankets all of the time, and comforters in addition often. But the corn looks fine. There is hardly any growth in the late.

Your letter is most interesting. What a curious experience it must be to see monkeys as common as squirrels, and as wild! And I suppose the density and variety of the vegetation must be, as you say, incredible and past description.

I have a beautiful little *histero-thecium* in one of my moss packets. Didn't you talk about them at seminars once? Or was it someone else!

The first term will end next Friday. The clinic will go on, and perhaps two of the students. We'll see.

Thanks for your report. Do it again. And we will expect many stories next fall and winter.

Yours
H. B. Conrad.

H.S. is happy and fortunate in having Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Wilson to share and care for the home at 1310 Elm, beginning Dec. 6, 1949. I still spend two days a week at the State University and four in the botany lab at Grinnell from Nov. 1 to June 1, and ten weeks in summer at Lakeside Laboratory on West Okoboji Lake, Iowa. Chief interest: Mosses of North America. At present my translation of Kerner's Plant Life of the Danube Basin is being published by Iowa State College Press. It is a beautiful story, not too much mangled by translation. A seventh edition of "Plants of Iowa" must be printed before March, with much revision to make it correspond with the new (1950) Gray's Manual of Botany. A manuscript (300 pages) on the Vegetation of Iowa is ready for radical revision in preparation for publication. Four squibs have just gone to The Bryologist.

In autumn 1949 I motored alone to Champaign, to Lima, O., New Castle, Penna., (to see John Heess), and to Lansdowne, Pa. Then Brother Wilfred and I went in his car to Felton, Del., Cape Charles, Va., and Goldsboro, N.C.; thence to Raleigh (State College), Durham (Duke University), Chapel Hill (State University), over the Smokies, Knoxville, Oak Ridge, Levering's orchards in Virginia, and up the Blue Ridge Parkway and through Shenandoah National Park.

In September, 1950, I motored again to Champaign and Lima, to Columbus for national botanical meetings, Swallow Falls, Md., Crabtree Falls, Va., and Goldsboro. A side trip from there was to Wilmington and Southport, N.C., to see Venus Flytrap at home.

From Goldsboro, Father and Mother Corkey from Belfast, Ireland, accompanied me to the college towns (lunch at Duke), Levering's orchards at harvesting time (a great sight!), down the Blue Ridge to Asheville (lunch at Little Switzerland with Betty Blagg and Dr. Anderson), north of the Smokies to Hot Springs, Knoxville, Norris Dam, Maryville and Gatlinburg. Thence the Corkeys returned by bus to Goldsboro, over the Smokies, and I proceeded to Nashville (Vanderbilt University), Bloomington, Ind. (State University), Greencastle (De Pauw University), Champaign and Grinnell. Marvelous scenery, glorious autumn colors, great educational institutions, and everywhere kindly people. It is a wonderful privilege to make such a tour and renew so many acquaintances. The fact that it is all on the way to and from the homes of my children seems to justify the extravagance!

And now may you all enjoy the blessings of love and friendship and the great out-of-doors, today and throughout life.

Sincerely
Kenny Leonard

HENRY S. CONARD
 1310 ELM STREET
 GRINNELL, IOWA

CHRISTMAS 1950

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure and a privilege to greet you in the spirit of a Christian Christmas, and to believe that the biennial report of the Moon-Conard Clan will be of momentary interest.

Death has claimed my sister (June 1949) and my beloved friend Frank Thone (August 1949). The Clan itself is as it was two years ago, but a little older.

The Corkeys are still at 409 S. Pineview Ave., Goldsboro, N.C. I visited them in October '49 and September '50. Elizabeth holds from one to three clinics a day in neighboring towns (up to 30 miles) and one on Wednesday evenings in Goldsboro. Between whiles she keeps house and goes places with Harold and the children, and teaches a Sunday school class. Harold is as busy as can be with his two churches. There are pastoral visits, meetings of all sorts, and sermons to prepare. Carol (14½ yrs) went to Westtown Boarding School in September. David (13¼) is in 8th grade, and plays flute in the high school band. The uniforms and public appearances are altogether irresistible. The band takes most of his time out of school hours, so that his many other interests can flourish only in vacations.

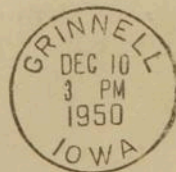
The Frenches are living at 7201 Clinton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, after a pastorate of five years at Lima. Porter is pastor of the First Congregational Church. He keeps courageously optimistic, takes kodachromes, and seizes every opportunity to go off with the family and the trailer for an overnight picnic. The Frenches and Corkeys camped together in July on Lake Sherando in the Blue Ridge. Laura (13 yrs.) is prospering with her violin, and Alfred (10 yrs.) is progressing with piano. Both are interested in natural history. Elizabeth Ann (6) entered first grade in September. Rebecca devotes herself happily and sacrificially to the family, enjoying the picnics more than anyone else, because she is more of a naturalist.

Alfred and Georgia and Joy (nearly 3, "chosen") have just moved into a new ranch-style house on the very edge of Champaign, 28 Greeneroft. A year ago Georgia gave a public piano recital. At last midyear Alfred published a textbook on Agency which has been favorably received. The official and social affairs of a big university keep both Alfred and Georgia pretty busy. The landscaping of the new lot will take all of Alfred's spare time for the next few years. And Joy tries to see to it that Georgia doesn't have any spare time.

HENRY S. CONARD

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N.Y.

HENRY S. CONARD

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GRINNELL, IOWA

x 1 - 11 - 1951

Dear Bernard & Sara:

You are such travelers that one needs at least a semi-annual report just to learn where you are.

If you like the warmth and moisture of the Gulf I hope you will winter there for a while. Farther north might be preferable in summer.

I am a little surprised that you are not staying in Tucuman.

But evidently that would be tolerable only on a lucrative north american fellowship. Too bad.

The world seems to be in a terrible jam. Perhaps it is because good men like you and me study botany instead of government. Anyway

I am glad you are happily located now, presumably living on shrimps and red snappers, taro and avocado, and enjoying a daily swim on the salty side of the peninsula.

Yes, we had a very busy Clinic at the Lakeside Lab. Drs. Lawton, Welch and Whitehouse were working over time. Miss Gentry was there during the first term. A Mrs. Thomas came from Alaska with a fine collection of mosses. Two other bryologists spent two days each with us. At mid-term 3 of the ladies made notable collections in the Black Hills of S. Dakota, and after Aug. 18 three of them went to the Canadian Rockies, Glacier Park and Yellowstone. My present wife spent 12 days at Lakeside. In September we went on the moss foray along the north shore of Lake Superior, and attended the Bryol. Soc. meeting in Minneapolis.

Louisa has resigned from her job in the college. The zoologist - head of the biology department has ordered a primary course in biology that nearly eliminates botany, and jumbles up the lectures, lab. and text. She refused

to participate, and withdrew. A young Ph.D. in plant taxonomy from Univ. of Minn. ^{has been appointed.} He is a genial young fellow, and allows me to continue my work at my old place.

My visits to SVI have begun again, and I have entertained the Botany Seminar and the Zoology Seminar. My job is to complete the Vegetation of Iowa by Jan. 1. We hope to have it in print when the Central Sec. Bot. Soc. Amer. meets at Lakeside Lab. in August.

We rarely see Dr. Loehwing. He spends nearly all of his time in the Dean's office (Grad. College). Dr. Hulbary does admirably as acting head of the department. Dr. Martin is as busy and active as ever. Herman Wiebe (married in June; still at Duke) writes that Damon has some serious illness but is not yet incapacitated. Dr. Thorne is working hard in the herbarium, getting everything in order.

and adding thousands of plants
to the collection. Dr. Wylie main-
tains his regular schedule.

If I make my tour of the South
next winter, I will plan to
visit Baton Rouge! And when you
come north, Grinnell should be
on the way to Iowa City.

Thanks for your letter, and
best wishes to both.

Sincerely

Henry Stoward.

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VII-21-1952

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Lowy
alias Berni & Sara:

Your letter has been much appreciated. It is fine to have a line on the work of a botanist far down in the Delta. The program seems to be a busy one, especially when giving courses for the first time. It is good that botanists are impelled to go out of doors for their materials for teaching and research. You see the country and people, and birds and insects, and maintain good health. I think a life insurance company for botanists could make large profits, or give low rates, because we live so long: Frye & Wylie 83, L.H. Bailey 90 ±, +c.

The mosses are a nice lot. It is said that you should not look a gift-horse in the mouth, but it is certainly judicious to examine the teeth of a moss.
M41 *Anthoceros laevis*, *Physcomitrium turbinatum*.

I wouldn't say about the *Ditrichum*.

- ✓ 26 *Funaria inflata* O.K.
- ✓ 25 " *Kunzei*
- ✓ 40 " *squarrosa*
- ✓ 38 *Dicranum barjeani alatum*, in my opinion
- ✓ 35 *Ditrichum pallidum* O.K.
- ✓ 32 *Entodon seductrix*. Sorry!
- ✓ 39 *Eurhynchium bians*
- ✓ 37 *Fontinalis filiformis* O.K. Verified by W.H. Walsh
- ✓ 28 *Fissidens exiguus* O.K.
- ✓ 27 " *ravenelii*. Papillose! New to Dr. Lawton & me.

Desirable for the Moss Exchange.

✓ 27 a Ditto; also *F. tarifolius* sterile

✓ 29 *Fissidens maximiliani*

- ✓33 *Funaria hygrometrica* Inner peristome perfect
 ✓37 *Hygroamblyetidium virginicum*
 ✓36 *Physcomitrium turbinatum*
 ✓30, 31 *Thuidium delicatulum*.

I am very glad to have these. I have a few from New Orleans, but none from farther down. In the late fall (Nov.) look for rosettes of *Ricciocarpus natans*, with capsules, on the batture.

There is a good crowd at the lab this summer. Two obstreperous small boys are little nuisances. The Macbride Lab is full of bryologists.

1st term	Room 4	2 ^d term	
Dr. Harvill	Alabama	Begunners: Ivers	♀
Dr. Bier	Missouri	Ritchie	♀
	Room 3	Vogeli	♀
Dr. Lawton	N. Y. City	Dr. Lawton	♀
Dr. Welch	De Pauw, Ind.	Dr. Welch	♀
Mrs. Thomas	Alaska		
	Room 2		
Miss Gentry	} Texas	Miss Gentry	
Dr. Whitehouse		Dr. Whitehouse	
Dr. Sayce		1 week	Mrs. Conard
	Room 1		
H.S.C.		H.S.C.	
Mrs. C.	one week.		

We have had 500 packets from Dr. Frye, Seattle, and now another 150. Some 200 from Idaho are waiting, and 50 ± from Philadelphia. I have named the Minnesota collection of last September, except the Sphagna + liverworts. If you are coming north why not come here for the Bot. Soc. Amer. foray Aug 18-20?

Best wishes. Report again before too long.

When H.S. can't find any spading to do, he saws wood with a 3-foot cross-cut. It is all fun.

Together we have gotten out a 7th fully revised edition of "Grinnell Flora", now "Plants of Iowa". Louisa resigned from her college teaching as of Sept. 1951, conditions having become so unsatisfactory to her. She was appointed Research Professor without duties for the calendar year 1952. During the winter she made five long-planned quilts. Another was completed during the summer. Another and more splendid one is just finished - and still another is planned. H.S. has 165 pages on the "Vegetation of Iowa" just off the press at the University of Iowa Division of Publications. In Grinnell he is busy in cozy quarters in the basement of the "Y" identifying mosses for a number of correspondents, from Alaska to Newfoundland and Texas. This is largely the outcome of our book "How to know the Mosses", of which 60000 copies have been sold!

With the exception of Louisa the Sargent family is concentrated in the Los Angeles region. Of the Cohards Alfred remains to be mentioned. He is still teaching in the College of Law, University of Illinois, Urbana. They have two little girls, one four years old, one nine months. This year they were in Austin, Texas, for the summer session of the University of Texas, and attended their 20th class anniversary at Grinnell in June.

Wishing to try a winter in a warmer climate we have rented our house from December 1 to April 1. After a few weeks in the Ozarks we will attend a science meeting in St. Louis where, on December 30 H.S. will read a paper. By January 10 we will be at Elizabeth's (Dr. E. C. Corkey) home, 409 S. Pineview Ave., Goldsboro, N.C. We will be glad to hear from you there.

With all good wishes,
Louisa Sargent Conard
Henry Conard.

And thanks for your excellent paper on
Omniscience

CONARD
1014 PARK STREET
GRINNELL, IOWA

Christmas 1952

Greetings:

May your joy in this season be great, and may the uplift in selfless love carry on through the years.

The letter of 1950 was issued just too soon to mention the most important event of the year, namely our marriage on December 20, 1950. It hadn't happened when the letter was written. Important as it was, it was largely a recognition of a family relation that had existed for 40 years, - since Louisa was a student at Grinnell and lived at the Conard home. No wonder we have enjoyed a felicity closely approaching the fondest dreams of newlyweds.

We have been mostly at home. H.S. has spent two days a week at the State University of Iowa during the college year, and ten weeks at Lakeside Laboratory at Lake Okoboji each summer. Louisa was at the Laboratory two weeks in 1951 and three in '52. We went together on the moss foray to Grand Portage, Minn., and to the following meetings in Minneapolis, Sept. 1951. H.S. had a week of botanizing after the summer school, Aug. 1952. We motored in May 1952 to Philadelphia, via Cleveland, Ohio, where Rebecca and family joined us. The occasion was the 60th anniversary of the graduation of H.S. at Westtown Boarding School. At the school Elizabeth and family joined us, coming from Goldsboro, N.C. Elizabeth's two children are students at the school at present.

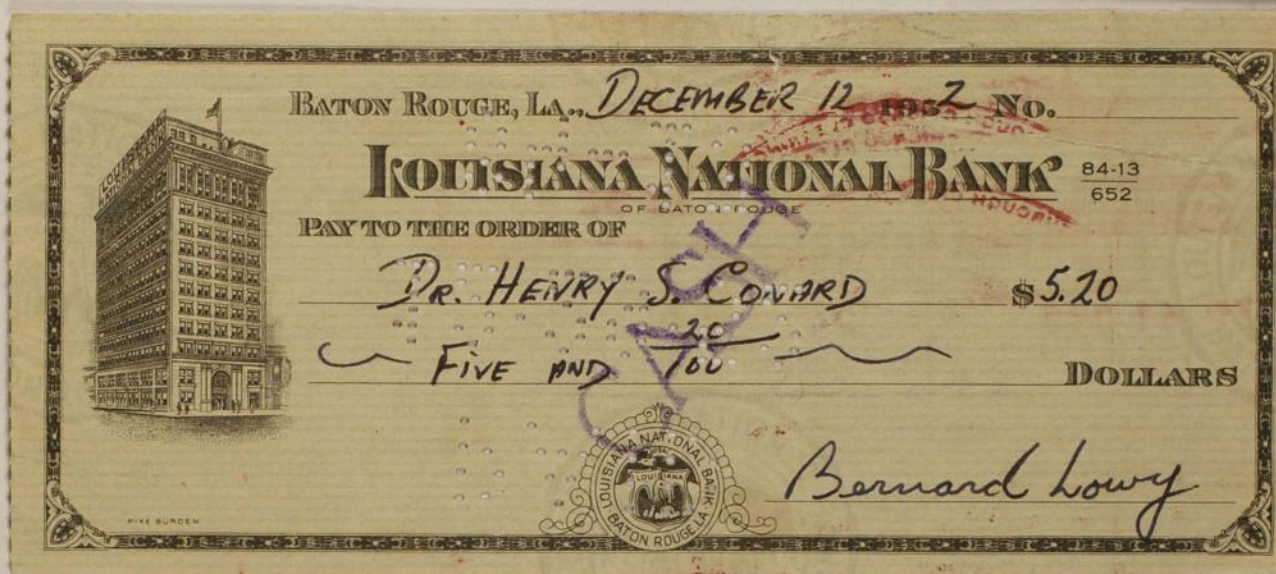
We both enjoy working in the garden. Louisa's ways of keeping a mass of bloom from April through November are maintained - from the earliest bulbs and blossoming shrubs of spring, through peonies, lilies, delphiniums, phlox and annuals in summer to the last chrysanthemums in autumn. Vegetables as a side line supply our needs for most of the year.



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Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Lowy
Botany
State University
Baton Rouge
La.



Thanks for your letter and order. The book is now in the mail and I owe you four cents. I'll try to remember it. I am delighted to know that Sara has decided to stay — or maybe you will both be going to S. Amer. some day — a virgin field for botanists still.

Cordially
H.S. Conard
Just now at Champaign - Urbana, Ill. Dec. 18

Dear Bernard and Sara:

I have thought so often of writing to you that I am not sure whether or not I have actually done it already. In any case, I am glad to say or repeat, that we feel highly complimented in receiving notice of the arrival of your daughter. Though I have seen it happen, the business of having children still remains as a miracle. Perhaps most miraculous is the fact that true and brave women undertake the task willingly. It is no wonder that they view the results with pride. Our respects to the Madonna! We trust all is well with all of you.

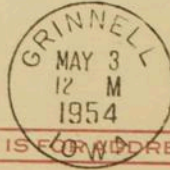
We will be off for Florida in about three weeks, to return about April 1. Some time we want to go via New Orleans and Baton Rouge. When you drive ^{to} Long Island come by way of Grinnell.

Best wishes.

Sincerely

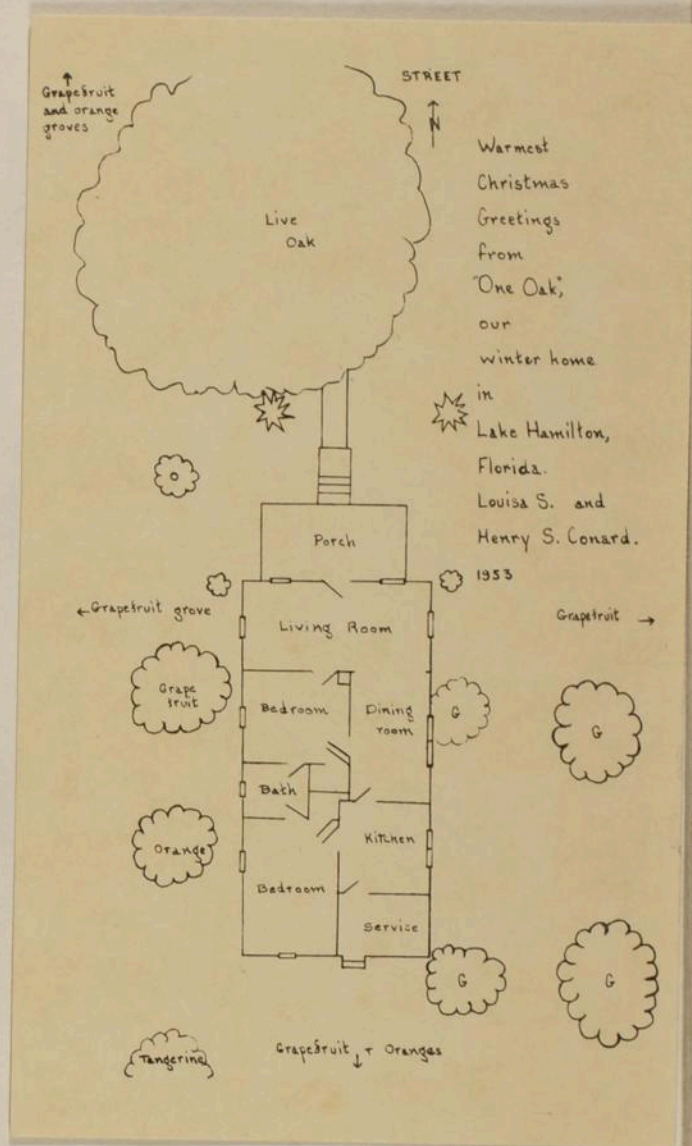
Henry Leonard.

Oct. 20 1953



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Botany
State University
Baton Rouge
Louisiana



"ONE OAK"
LAKE HAMILTON, FLORIDA
Thanksgiving, 1954

To Friends and Relatives, far and near:
Greetings.

May your Christmas be blessed with love and cheer, and the years to come be ever richer and more blessed.

Our last letter went out in December 1952 when we were spending two weeks in Champaign-Urbana, reading in the library and visiting with Alfred and Georgia (They are now at University of Michigan). We attended holiday meetings in St. Louis, where H.S. was on a program for plant sociology. Thence we went south and east, botanizing in each State, to Goldsboro, N.C., to spend the winter with Elizabeth and Harold. The pines and broad-leaved evergreens, the brilliant fruits (Pyracantha, Nandina) and snowy flowers (Japanese quince, Camellia) charmed us all winter. There was ice occasionally on roadside puddles. No snow. In February Brother Wilfred joined us for a tour of Florida: Southport, N.C.; Orton Plantation, Charleston, Daytona to call on Charles Moon, Winter Park to collect mosses with Dr. Schallerer, Lake Hamilton to see the Manly Fountains. These good friends showed us a little cottage, admirably located, for sale. We bought it, and named it "One Oak," for the big live oak in front, "the finest tree in town."

At Miami Dr. Frank Venning piloted us for three wonderful days, to Miami Beach, Fairchild Gardens, Homestead, Royal Palm Park, & etc., and had rooms for us at San Sebastian Dormitory of the University. Returning via Tamiami Trail we crossed the Everglades with its thousands of white egrets and numerous Seminole Indians - they of the dazzling many-colored skirts - , picked up shells on Sanibel Island, and called on the A.F. Satterthwaits at St. Petersburg.

From Goldsboro we visited State College at Raleigh (an address to the Botany Seminar), Duke University where the sunken garden was a dream of floral beauty (pink clouds of Japanese cherries, clumps of Narcissus in many varieties) and State University. On the way home we touched at Nashville (address to Botany Seminar, Vanderbilt University) as guests of Dr. Elsie Quarterman, stayed over night at Greencastle, Ind., with Dr. Winona Welch, and lunched with Alfred and Georgia, reaching Grinnell just in time for the first Crocus.

In the summer H.S. spent 8 weeks at Lakeside Lab. and 3½ weeks on an expedition to the Medicine Bow Mts., Tetons, Yellowstone Park, Beartooth Lake, Red Lodge and Black Hills. We went together to Madison, Wis., early in September for the moss forays and meetings.

In November we trekked to our new home at Lake Hamilton and spent a month at hard labor getting established. Fellow citizens here were very cordial, and we made acquaintances which we will always treasure. Brother Wilfred spent a month with us, helping to pick, eat and dispose of many bushels of oranges, tangerines and grapefruits from our 100 x 150 ft. estate.

Homeward again in March, via Goldsboro, Duke garden, Smoky Mts., to Oak Ridge. There we were guests of Betty Blagg Anderson and Herman and Melva Wiebe, who conducted us to Knoxville for an address to the Botany Seminar, University of Tennessee, and dinner, as guests of Dr. Sharp. Onward via Berea, Greencastle and Champaign.

The first Crocus bloomed two days after we got home, followed by 200 tulips, about 1000 Narcissus, redbud, big lilacs, Hopa crab, Iris and peony, roses, 100 blooms on madonna lilies and 300 on regals, delphiniums, phlox, petunias, snapdragons, Nicotiana, zinnias, marigolds and chrysanthemums, until frost stopped everything late in October. Meanwhile there were vegetables galore, with squashes and carrots to bring to Florida, and parsnips for next April.

H.S. had 10 weeks at Lakeside Lab. again in 1954, with a day off to see the total eclipse of the sun in Minnesota and to collect mosses. The stay at Lakeside was cut short by an attack of "flu." Exhaustive examinations revealed nothing else out of order. But we couldn't go to the meetings at Gainesville in September, where H.S. was graciously awarded by the Ecological Society of America the first citation as "Eminent Ecologist!" The most touching and surprising scientific compliment of a lifetime - and nearly on his 80th birthday. At Grinnell City's centennial celebration H.S. received a certificate as Honorary Pioneer in the educational group. We were busy for the past year revising "How to know the Mosses," for which L.S. is making 100 new drawings. Between whiles L.S. has made 5 quilts of increasing complexity: embroidered Mother Goose figures, Alice-in-Wonderland appliqué, embroidered squares, a multitude of interlocking circles, and now a copy of an intricate antique.

Back to Lake Hamilton Nov. 12-19, in a new 1954 4-door Chevrolet, via Decatur, Ill., where Rebecca and Porter now live. H.S. gave the sermon for Porter on Sunday. So here we are. Fruit trees are loaded. Fixing up is much easier than last year. We plan much work on the book and the quilts, and microscopes (and mosses) that we brought along.

We have mentioned the Conard families. We are in touch with Margie and Patty, Louisa's nieces, at Waterloo, Iowa. One Sunday they dined with us, with the two husbands and five children. It was a great day for us. The true Sargents are all out of reach in California. They seem to like it there.

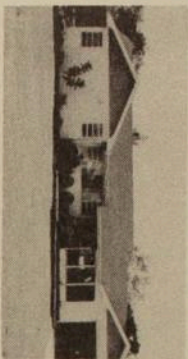
Thanks for your remembrances, and Good Bye for the present.

Cordially,

Henry Starnard and Louisa S. Conard

Here are several good wishes to
"you all". Just received an excellent
leaf guide for Botany from Dr. Romm of
Southern Illinois, Baton Rouge. It is
worth seeing. You should also see
the new one by Dr. Norman Russell
of Grenada & others.

We keep dreaming of a trip home
now Louisiana some time.



LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA
Thanksgiving, 1955

Dear Relatives and friends:
Wishing you a happy Yuletide
and a spiritually satisfying New
Year. We anticipate your annual re-
ports with affectionate curiosity.

This has been a year of decision for us. Obviously we could not long continue to motor the 1400 miles between Grinnell and Lake Hamilton twice a year. Moreover it was absurd to maintain two houses, each one of them vacant half of the year. We must stay put, one place or the other.

We feared the northern winters at our respective ages. We think we may live longer and get more work done in Florida than in Iowa. A new house appeared last winter on an open residential street about a half mile from "One Oak". It was built by two local young men with the advice of their talented wives, also local young sisters - to be the perfect house . . . in design, material, workmanship and finish. It is the pride of the town. Of course there were limits on size and cost. At the first look inside we saw its possibilities as a setting for our furnishings and recognized it as perfect too. We traded in "One Oak" in part payment for it.

We spent a happy winter at "One Oak", shared for two months with Brother Wilfred, and cheered by calls from several friends. After a very dry season we packed the car and set out, March 24, in a pouring rain. Passing through Tallahassee we stopped at the University and talked with Dr. Breen (Bryologist) and John Morrill (Grinnell 1951). Saw Bellingrath Garden on the coldest day on record, 1942) and her Dr. husband and winning daughter Nancy (9) at Tezucuo Plantation, 40 miles west of New Orleans. It was like fairyland to see a real plantation mansion, furnished fully after the tradition, embellished with Bobbie's murals, embroideries and ceramics. Our hostess also took time out for a trip to a cypress swamp for mosses and knees, along Bayou Lafourche to the Gulf and the shrimp fisheries, and to the French Quarter of New Orleans, with lunch at a famous restaurant. Next stop was Baton Rouge to see Bernie Lowy and wife and daughter at the State University. Swinging a bit west we spent a night at Springfield, Mo., with a visit with Tom and Karel Parsons in the evening and with President and Mrs. James Findley of Drury College (Grinnell 1921).

We aimed to reach home for the first Crocus. And there it was! We removed protection from the main bed and next day there were 30 blossoms. The procession of bloom kept on at increasing tempo into July, with hundreds of yellow daffodils and white narcissi tulips, peonies of 5 species and a dozen varieties, redbud, Hopa crab, lilacs, Viburnum, Forsythia, Japanese quince, spiraea, snapdragons, petunias, nicotiana, madonna lilies, Hanson lilies, tiger lilies, and, our chief pride, and joy, some 300 blossoms of regal lily. Everything was unusually gorgeous and long lasting, thanks to very even temperatures and even rainfall.

On April 23-24 we attended the annual meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science at Davenport. At the close of the business meeting H.S. was summoned before the Academy to receive the title of Honorary Fellow, previously held by only one person. The award was sponsored by the botany staffs of Iowa State College and the State University. It was a beautiful expression of the kindness and generosity of the membership.

At Commencement time Alfred and Georgia and their two little girls gave us a weekend, to our great pleasure. Later Rebecca and family made two short visits, before and after Laura's month at the Congregational Summer Camp two miles north of Montour. A much rarer guest was Brother Glen Sargent. He drove in from California on business. He and Louisa spent one long day visiting their old home neighborhoods in Peconontas and Fonda, and their mother's childhood home in northern Iowa. Glen gave us an up-to-date report on the rest of the Sargent family, all of whom are enjoying active lives in southern California.

On June 30 we finished the first draft of the new "How to know the Mosses", and set to work sorting, giving away, discarding and packing. We shipped over a ton of books and stuff by freight, and had a motor van bring the rest. When our departure was only a week away came a series of farewell parties and farewells, not always tearless. We began to realize how much of our lives - our friends - we were leaving behind. We were deeply moved by the many expressions of affection and regard, often from persons to whom we supposed we were only a name in a telephone book. It was not lack of attachment on our part to all of these friends that permitted the move.

The moss herbarium of some 20,000 specimens was too massive to transport, or to house in Florida, so we gave it to the State University, bringing with us only some select specimens, the library and microscopes. A large table in the breezeway is occupied daily with moss studies and correspondence. Two small shipments have just been received from Japan, one collected by Betty Tennant (Grinnell 1936). Also in the breezeway Louisa makes quilts and rugs.

The packers came and packed for a day and a half. We left about 1 p.m., leaving the van at the door. It was 1425 miles to Lake Hamilton, via Mt. Pleasant (dinner with the Jaques), Hillsboro, Ill., to call on Miss Wattle Parkes, Cullman, Ala., to see a moss correspondent. Our house here was beautifully set in a broad green lawn. Crotons, azaleas, poinsettias and a 5 foot Ficus pandurata made up the base planting. Neighbors dropped in with gifts and greetings. The van arrived 43 hours after we did. Utilities were quickly installed, and we have been fully at home since Sept. 1. With all of Louisa's carefully selected furniture and pictures the place looks just like home - to us. We were happy to have in October as our first overnight guest Blanche Gibbs Albee (Grinnell 1914), an intimate friend for 46 years. Our next guests will be Dr. Elizabeth Conard Corkey, her husband Harold, and son David, now of Charlotte, N.C., for a week at Christmas. We hope to live here a reasonably long time, and as usefully as possible, and to see a great many of our friends from time to time.

Gratefully,

Henry Bernard and Louisa S. Conrad

Lake Hamilton, Fla. June 15 1957

Dear Bernie: I have just found your note of Feb. 20, in a box of mosses! We left here Jan. 18, were in Drury College, Springfield, Mo., until May 27, then visited Des Moines, Grinnell, Waterloo + Grandview, Iowa, Decatur, Ill., De Soto State Park, Ala., Charlotte, N.C., and reached here June 13. Only first class mail was forwarded. I should report on your mosses in a day or two. We expect to stay at home indefinitely. Best wishes.

Yours H.S. Conard.

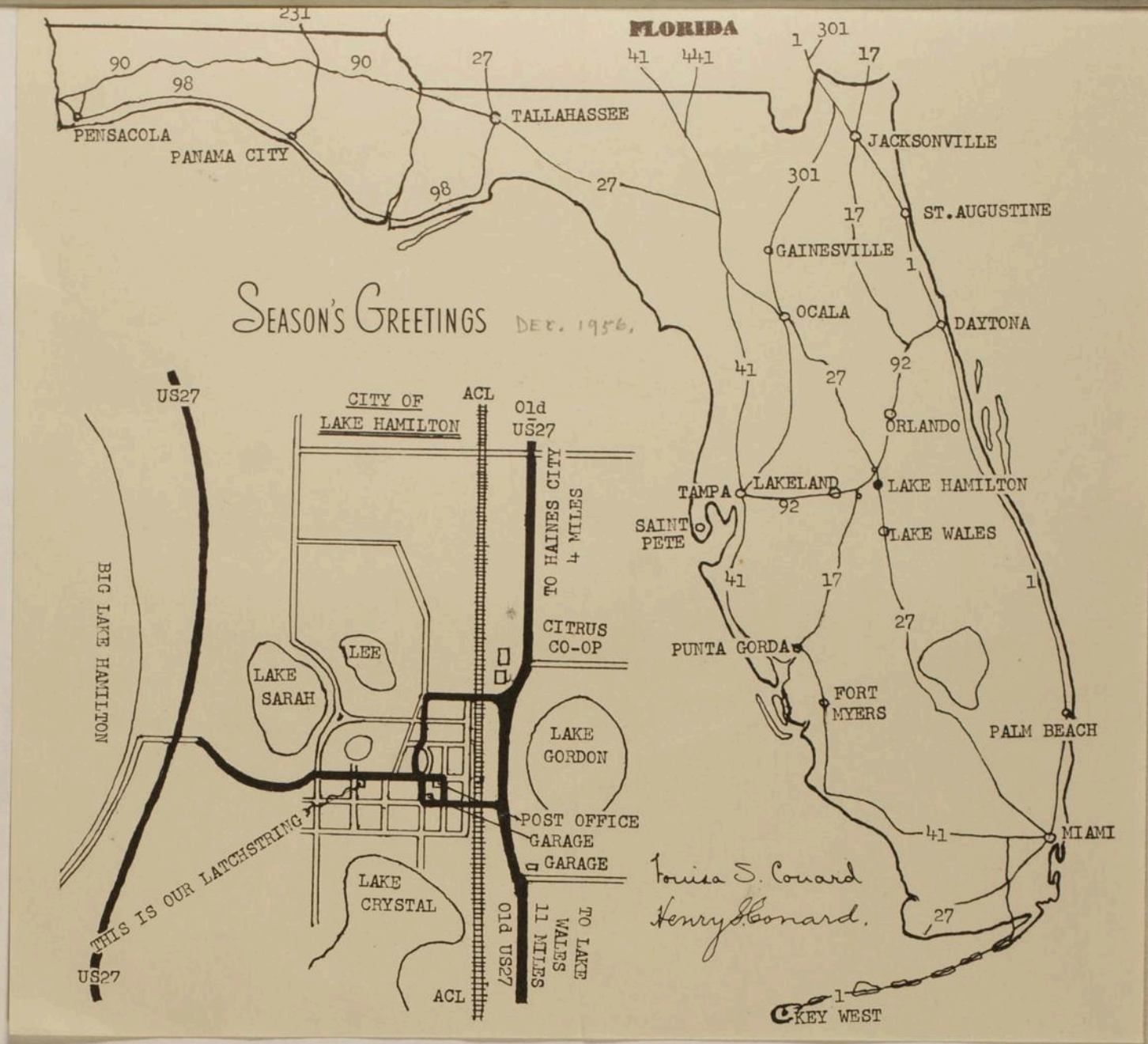
Many thanks for your interesting papers. It must be fun to collect in a region that is relatively unknown mycologically. Would you care to have material from Florida? I might find something.

Regards to the family.

Yours H.S. Conard

Lake Hamilton, Fla.

X-27-1956



HENRY S. CONARD

LAKE HAMILTON

FLORIDA

VI-23-1957

Dear Bernie:

I take your "*Frullania eboracensis*" with *Langites* to be *F. Kunzei*. It has the unheard-of appearance of intercellular spaces in the leaves! I will ask Frye + Clark about it.

Pogonatum brachyphyllum is fine.

Leucobryum albidum seems O.K.

Porella frinata is good. The queer thing grows only in running water in the north, and never fruits!

The nameless moss on *Pinus taeda* is *Syrphopodon texanus*, along with a form of *Plagiothecium micans*, and a *Leucobryum* which I may study some time.

The big *Fissidens* is *F. polypodioides*. We saw lots of it in n.e. Alabama two weeks ago.

Thanks for the abundant specimens, and your good letter.

Best wishes to all the family.

Sincerely Henry S. Conard.

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Next stop was at Grandview to see Ruth Higley Young (Grinnell 1909) and her daughter Helen (Grinnell '45) and Grandchildren, and Ruth Gast Cocklin ('22). Then to Macomb, Ill., over night, and on to Decatur for a Sunday with the French family (Rebecca et al.). Had a picnic dinner in Laura and Jim's back yard, and a drive along the lake.

Thence to DeSoto State Park in northeastern Ala., to be for 4 days the Faculty of Mrs. Dean's Nature Study Camp. We had a sumptuous cabin, and meals with the 25 naturalists (mostly teachers) on a screened porch. The woods are beautiful, mostly oak. We saw the red Rhododendron and the tall trumpet pitcher plant, and collected 80 species of mosses and liverworts. The people were the most interesting and friendly and enthusiastic naturalists one could ever hope to meet.

After an outdoor service of worship on Sunday morning, and a finish-up luncheon on the porch we left for Toccoa, Ga. There we visited a "rock hound" who has a shop full of semi-precious stones, from whom L.S. had recently purchased a necklace of Mexican amethyst, made to order. Thence to Charlotte, N.C., to visit the Corkeys. Elizabeth is planning and supervising officer in the County Health Department. Harold was starting next day for a 2 month visit in Ireland. David was in summer school, and Carol was still recovering from graduating at Randolph-Macon.

We were surprised to get home in a day and a half. The home place looked beautiful outside, and was about as we left it inside. The summer was well started, with afternoon temperatures in the 90's, and the daily (nearly) rains we had heard about. We weathered it through, and are now pleased to have no fear of snow or ice, or even of severe frost.

Desiring to see the autumn foliage of the North once again we motored to Charlotte in October and Elizabeth and Harold took us for a 3 day tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway, including a call at the Levering residence, apple orchards and packing house. The scenery is worth the trip any time. With every mountainside ablaze with autumn colors - crimson, scarlet, golden, tan, orange, and the greens of pines, hemlocks and rhododendrons - our adjectives were soon exhausted. It was marvellous.

On Nov. 7 L.S. entertained the Woman's Club of Lake Hamilton with her story of teaching in a country school in Iowa. She has made ten more quilts since coming to Florida, and is planning a quilt exhibit at our house for the benefit of the Women of the Church. H.S. has identified hundreds of mosses for correspondents. With the Florida Academy of Science at Stetson University, Deland, Dec. 5-7, our doings are completed.

We have not seen Alfred and Georgia and their two little girls since June 1955. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich., in a new 2-level house made to order. Al professes Law in the University of Mich. They were all in Boulder, Colo., last summer, where Al was teaching in the University. They camped one night in Rocky Mt. Nat. Park with the Frenches, who were on a tour of the Rocky Mts. from the Spanish Peaks to the Tetons, Yellowstone Park, Beartooth Plateau, Big Horns and Black Hills.

The Sargent family we never see, except as noted above. They are all living in the Los Angeles region, and liking it. Nor do we see the Moon relatives, though Charles is believed to be at Ormond Beach, Fla. It is just too far to go and back in a day.

Gratefully acknowledging your past letters, we anticipate your next reports eagerly. We wish you joy in the Christmas season and happiness throughout all the length of your days.

Affectionately,

Louisa Sargent Conard
Springfield.

HENRY S. CONARD
LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA

Lake Hamilton, Florida
Christmas 1957

Dear Friends and Relatives:

This biennial letter reports nearly all of our residence at 5th & Main Sts., to which we moved about Sept. 1, 1955. Christmas was notable that year for a visit of nearly a week from the Corkey family (Elizabeth et al.). They gave us 2 days in 1956, during which time we went to Cypress Gardens to see the rare plants and flowers, and the water ski show. Brother Wilfred was with us two weeks in Feb. 1956. He and H.S. went to Gainesville, where H.S. represented Grinnell College at the inauguration of a president at the University of Florida. On the return trip they visited several of the big springs of Florida.

In June L.S. and H.S. spent a few days at an ocean front hotel in famed Miami Beach. The best feature was an all-day conducted round trip to Key West by bus. The driver named the Keys and the notable residences along the way. We came home, another all-day drive, on one of the hottest days of the year - officially 96°, but we were in full sunshine, under a black tin roof!

The rest of the summer was terribly hot every afternoon, and very dry - until Aug. 20, when we went north for a Moss Foray at Canaan, N.H., and science meetings at Storrs, Conn. Leaving home in the Chevy at 6:10 a.m., we parked at Orlando air field at 7:30. The big plane left promptly at 8:40 and we were soon above the dazzling white fluffy clouds. Came down at Jacksonville, then at Washington, after an excellent turkey dinner en route. Touched again at Philadelphia and at New York. Leaving New York we looked down on Cold Spring Harbor with its familiar sandspit. Early supper at Boston. Thence a little plane took us to West Lebanon, N.H., still in bright daylight. It was wonderful - so quick and easy and comfortable. And such a new view of the world and space!

We collected mosses in company with friends and correspondents, and motored to Storrs with Geneva Sayre for the meetings. Friends there insisted on our being at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Botanical Society of America on Wednesday evening. We stayed. After the banquet fifty botanists were called up to receive a certificate and a citation. To our amazement (and joy and pride) H.S. was called! We flew home Thursday, leaving Storrs by bus after lunch. Hartford (by plane) at 4, arriving Orlando 1 a.m., 2 hours late. Feeling pretty snappy we started the Chevy and came on home (I do not drive at night!).

Early in Dec. we attended the Florida Academy of Science at the University of Tampa. The University consists of a huge, rambling old Flagler Hotel beside a grassy park. About the end of the year the new and enlarged edition of our moss book came out and became a best seller in its group.

In Jan. 1957 we accepted a call to Drury College, Springfield, Mo., for the second semester to fill, in part, the vacancy in Biology left by the sudden death of our pupil, colleague and friend Tom Parsons. We arrived in Springfield with windshield covered with ice, and had a month of snow, frost and drizzle. The springtime was unusually wet and cold. The College was warm and friendly, from President James Findlay (Grinnell '22) and Mrs. Findlay to the janitor of our building, and from seniors to freshmen. L.S. had a zoology class of 50 beginners: 4 lecture sessions and 3 lab. sessions per week. H.S. did some chores in the herbarium, some collecting, and some research and writing.

We had a very nice apartment half a block from the campus, and across the hall from the lady who is head of our department. We dined 3 times a week at the snack bar, and 2 days at the College Commons, attended faculty meetings, and sometimes went to the weekly Chapel and Convocation. Being disinclined to go out at night we missed nearly all evening affairs. We snatched a day for a drive of 200 miles in the Ozarks of southern Missouri. In late April H.S. went by plane to Des Moines, via Kansas City, by bus to Grinnell, and by auto to Cedar Falls, for the Iowa Academy of Science, this being just 50 years after the first meeting which he attended. That was at Drake University.

We left Springfield May 27 and reached Grinnell May 28, putting up for 3 nights at 1310 Elm St., through the kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. W.B. Wilson. It was a great pleasure to see our old haunts, and much more to see so many treasured friends. On one day we went to Waterloo to see the nieces Margey and Patty, nee Hannon.

HENRY S. CONARD
LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA

IV. 28-1958

Dear Bernie:

Thanks for the good news. Have a good time, all of you -

I do not know anything about mosses outside of the Euro-siberia-North American Province, and it is too late to begin on them now!

Enclosed is a fungus that appears frequently in my flower beds and lawn in winter, this one probably in January.

Regards to all.

H.S. Conard.



Between us
and between
seasons
we wish you
always
the joys of
Christmas.



Henry S. Leonard,

1958

Louisa S. Leonard

Lake Hamilton, Fla. Aug. 24, 1959

Dear B.:

Thanks for your interesting reports
on *L. frugis*. They may help us here.

When did you return to The States? You
must have had a wonderful experience;
of course, a visit to Argentina. We had 6
weeks at Highlands, N. C.; got home Aug. 20.

Regards to all the Louys -

Sincerely

Henry S. Leonard



Lake Hamilton, Florida
Christmas 1959

To Family, Relatives and Friends: Greetings.

May your memories of the past year record it as the best one yet, and may the coming year be even better!

The middle of our fifth biennium, P.M. (after marriage) finds us, like Henry Van Dyke, still wondering which was our "honeymoon", or whether it is yet to come. We settled in Florida Sept. 1, 1955, because (1) it was certain that H.S. could not much longer take the long drive between Iowa and Florida twice a year, (2) we wanted to avoid the cold and snow and ice of the Iowa winter, and (3) the ideal house in the best part of Florida suddenly turned up. The separation from friends has been happily made up to some extent by the many visitors who have dropped in. Twice the Corkey family have been here at Christmas time, and each winter Brother Wilfred has spent two or more weeks with us. Several distinguished botanists have made calls. So we are not really isolated.

In the spring of 1958 we motored to Charlotte, N.C., for a visit with the Corkeys, joining Alfred and family there. The latter spent the following summer touring and lecturing in western Europe, and were in Istanbul, at the University, for the winter, returning in June 1959. In May (1958) H.S. was hospitalized for a week by a phlebitis in the left ankle. The rest and treatment left him better than before. So in June we motored to Dauphin Island, south of Mobile, to have a few days with the Outdoor Nature Camp group whom we so enjoyed at DeSoto Park in 1957. The Island is the resting place for countless birds before and after their long flight

across the Gulf of Mexico - including the ruby-throated hummingbird! The naturalists report seeing over 100 species there a month or so ago. From Dauphin Island we went directly to Highlands, N.C., where we had a research grant from the National Science Foundation. That gave us seven weeks in the cool, bracing air of the 4,000 ft. mountains. Many collecting trips were taken, especially for the study of the mosses of a 30 acre tract of undisturbed primeval forest. The Highlands Biological Station is excellently equipped, and living accommodations are also excellent. We had one pupil in charge, and one visitor for moss study. The Corkeys came over for a weekend visit.

We were at home from mid-August until Sept. 11, when we went by bus to Miami, to celebrate a birthday for H.S., where L.S. could also have some fun visiting the shops. As the bus, hotel and stores are all air-conditioned one does not notice the heat. For even Miami Beach is hot in summer.

Early in 1959 we spent a weekend in St. Petersburg as guests of Brother Wilfred. H.S. went to meeting and met a number of old acquaintances. At the end of May we joined the Outdoor Nature Camp at Haleyville, Ala. It was too far to go, 700 miles, but we had a very interesting visit with friends, old and new, and saw lots of the rare filmy ferns and some rare mosses, and remarkable natural bridges and deep, rocky canyons. Back at home we had only three weeks until we went to Highlands again, on a larger grant, to continue the study of the primeval forest, and to participate in the N.S.F. program for guidance of teachers in research. We had one diligent research assistant for the six weeks, and another for two weeks, with visits from three advanced bryologists. Also on one weekend three of the Corkeys came over, and on another three of the Frenches (from Decatur, Ill.). We had sumptuous quarters in an old mansion, with

a living room and fireplace (and a big woodpile). All resident workers and families take meals at the laboratory dining room. We reached home Aug. 20, and stewed in heat and humidity through the days until mid-October, but never had a night that was uncomfortable. And the air conditioner was on hand when needed.

L.S. continues as head of the program committee of the Womans Club, specializing on getting the members to participate in furnishing the entertainment, that is, entertaining each other - and finding that everybody is entertained! Between whiles L.S. makes more, and more intricate, quilts. It takes the quilters at Waterloo, Iowa, Springfield, Mo. and Sebring, Fla., to keep up with her products.

H.S. identifies mosses for correspondents from Mass. to Wash., and Sask. to Ala., as the moss book brings in more correspondents. Appearing during the past year is the section on aquatic mosses for the new Ward & Whipple, and a paper on *Amblystegium* in *The Bryologist*. A corresponding activity of L.S. is the tutoring of a neighbor lad who has trouble with Math. (et al.) A neighbor girl now comes regularly for similar aid. This is just for neighborliness.

The vegetation around the place has recovered from the repeated freezes. It gets two hours of care every morning from H.S., and a half day a week from Sam, who is a kind of Uncle Remus. The old Valencia orange trees on the place are heavily fruited. The orange, grapefruit, tangerine, lime and kumquats planted since we came here are all fruiting. Several kinds of Hibiscus bloom all the time, as does *Vinca major* in the back yard. Then we have petunias and annual phlox all over the place in spring. We have one or two plantings of zinnias, a bed of snapdragons, and four kinds of

chrysanthemums in their season, and a hedge of poinsettias. Six rose bushes sent by George Haight from California in 1957 give almost continual bloom - one to three at a time. A forty foot row of easter lilies in front of a privet hedge is a splendid sight in May. A few surviving madonna and regal lilies from Iowa remind us of our former show places. The climbing Gloriosa lily has bloomed from August 20 to December 10.

We have, as I write, just passed Thanksgiving, with a small dinner party. And every Friday evening two ladies come over for a recital of recorded classical music - folks who like Beethoven and Schubert and Tschaikowsky. So we rarely have an idle moment, but never feel rushed. Our blessings are more than we can count. Best of all: our several relatives and friends.

Louisa Sargent Conard
Henry S. Conard.

Thanks for your interesting paper on
Tramellales from Bolivia. Your trip to
S. America must have been a very rich
experience. - We spent the summer in
Grinnell very happily. I was in Iowa City
one day & saw Martin & Hulbary & others.

Best wishes. Sincerely

H.S. Conard.

Lake Hamilton, Fla.

Sept. 9 1961

The summer of 1961 was spent in Grinnell. We had a friend drive the loaded car to Iowa, while we went by air to Chicago and by Rocket to Grinnell - all in one day, between 5:45 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. The Wilsons had left 1310 Elm St. pretty much as they had lived in it, so we had only to get provisions and have the utilities turned on, to begin housekeeping. That was May 16-18. We had a staggering task of repairs, building modern cabinets and sink in the kitchen, painting inside and out, and disposing of the accumulations of 50 years of Conard occupancy and 11 years of Wilson's. Walter Wilson and wife came over from Elgin, Ill., to advise and assist. They left us free to do anything with anything. Alfred and Georgia and the little girls came, and at other times Rebecca and Porter and Al and Elizabeth French, and Elizabeth Corkey. After all had had their say we got at the cleaning out, selling, giving away and burning, until the last day, Aug. 29, when the driver took the car back to Florida, and we went to Chicago, spent a day, and flew to Tampa. There our car was waiting.

We attended commencement at the college, meeting a host of friends of years ago. Friends still living in Grinnell were most cordial, entertaining us with a train of dinners, luncheons, suppers and calls. It was wonderful. One day we went to Waterloo to see Louisas's two nieces and their families - four children in each. We think they are very nice relatives. On the way we picked up a quilt at the quilters at Orange Center, which had just been finished that day. L. was twice in Des Moines. During commencement Sister Genevieve Sargent Barrett and Brother Forrest flew in from California. Those were premiums that we had not expected, and so were especially welcome.

We started home from Tampa, Sept. 1, in 95 degree heat, but made it all right. The home place looked fine, thanks to Sam's care, and Neighbor Studd's emergency watering. Since that we have had long continued high temperatures, up to 85 Nov. 15, and no rain to amount to anything for months.

L. has served a 2-year term as Program Chairman for the Woman's Club, is now in a similar term as Corresponding Secretary, and Co-Chairman of the Program Committee. She has been assisting two teen-agers with Math. In return we get many gifts of fresh bass from nearby lakes, and rare fruits: Japanese persimmons, pineapples, etc. She has made several quilts, and is now finishing a handsome braided rug, thick and heavy, all wool, 6½ x 9½ feet, in carefully arranged colors.

H.S. has two small manuscripts in press, and has just had printed a tenth edition of the little book "Plants of Iowa". He serves as identifier of animals (Congo eel, a huge slug, larva of Monarch butterfly, etc.) and plants. He has been recently assisting with plant analysts at the Haines City High School, and is working on keys to the plants of the High School campus for use in biology classes, and a key to all of the plants of the vicinity.

We are thankful for good health and lots of interesting activities. Come and see us.

Sincerely,

Louisa S. Conard
Henry Steward.

We hope to hear all about the Louys.

Lake Hamilton, Florida
November 20, 1961

To all of you, relatives and friends, who make life worth living for us, Greetings.
May your Christmas be happy, and the New Year be the best ever.

We have great pleasure in knowing of your whereabouts, your joys and sorrows, your hopes and achievements. To induce you to continue keeping us in touch we send this biennial report. It must be remembered that this chronicle covers two years, not the customary one.

In January 1960 we visited Henry's brother Wilfred, who was spending two months at an inn in St. Petersburg. It was cheering to see how well he gets on at two and a half years older than Henry. Together we saw the Sunken Garden, apparently the development of a little, shallow lake, with wet, peaty soil, now covered with a very fine collection of large tropical trees and flowering shrubs and herbs, all very beautifully cared for. A flock of well-colored flamingoes adds to the interest. Drives around the suburbs gave a view of the fabulous expansion that is going on all over Florida. We made the trip by bus to avoid city driving. Later Wilfred came over here for a week.

In March Alfred and family came to Florida from their home in Ann Arbor. It was their Spring vacation time. They put up at a motel not too far away, where they had a swimming pool and much more roomy accommodations than would have been possible at our house. The family were with us more or less of every day. We went to Cypress Gardens and saw the flowers and the ski show, and to the Bok Tower and Refugium, and sampled various restaurants. One day we went to Highlands Hammock State Park and took the Naturalist's wagon ride to see alligators, rare birds, etc.

In April Louisas's sister Sylvia and husband, Charles Schwinger, came from California for a visit. With them also we saw the most interesting local sights, including a dinner of catfish and hushpuppies (just for the men). And all the time the two ladies had an unparalleled talk fest. Charles exercised his mechanical skills to our advantage.

In May we made a long-looked-for trip to Myakka State Park, staying over night at Arcadia. The park was very disappointing. Part was closed because of high water; part was plowed up by wild hogs. Mosses were very scarce. We got out just before a big rain.

We spent the summer of 1960 at home, except for two days at Atlanta. We had the unusual experience of going part way by rail, namely, to Jacksonville. From there we went by air, covering in an hour a trip that takes all day by train. The summer was unusually cool for this region - just the one to spend at home. H. cared for the garden and L. cared for the house, making various quilts between whiles.

The big event was the hurricane of Sept. 10, of which we sent an outline a year ago. It was the "most vicious" hurricane in the records of the Weather Bureau. The rain began on Friday, gently. Saturday was so wet and windy that I omitted the trip to the post office. The radio reported every 15 minutes on the progress of the storm. At 5 o'clock the announcer said "All persons wishing shelter in one of the prescribed places positively must be there before 6 p.m." The power went off at 5:15 - and stayed off for 74 hours. As darkness came on we watched our jacaranda tree swaying in the fierce gusts. The tree would bend over, its roots lifting the earth on the windward side. Then it would settle back in place. It did this repeatedly but did not go over. Only our clothes rack, covered with a huge coral vine, was blown over, the 4 x 4 posts snapped off. Our fiddle-leafed fig was lying flat, facing west, when we went to bed. Next morning it was facing east! Wind-shift up the street a tool house was blown over by the northeast wind; in the front yard three large pine trees were snapped off by the southwest wind! Bushels of fruits were blown from our trees. Damage to trees and fruit in the vicinity was prodigious; the towns were a month or more clearing up the debris. At present hardly any signs remain.

In October Rebecca came by air from her home in Decatur, Ill., for a visit of nearly a week. This was her first visit here, and a great treat to us. In February 1961 Elizabeth came, partly for a much needed rest from the arduous duties of Acting Head of the Health Center for Mecklenburg County and the city of Charlotte, N.C. She came alone, by rail. It is nice to see everybody, and together. But the visits of Rebecca and Elizabeth showed marked advantages in having just one guest at a time. You can go over many more items, and, perhaps, more intimately.

Louisa's nieces Margie and Patty from Waterloo brought their families to Grinnell one Sunday, and we all had dinner under Louisa's Hopa crabapple tree - the one which she made by grafting a twig of Hopa on a seedling root.

Just before the end of August we flew from Des Moines to St. Louis, where Rebecca and Porter met us and took us to Chester, Ill., over Sunday. Their daughter Laura and family came over from Decatur for the occasion. We had a fine visit, including two trips to a peach orchard laden with fruit. Thence a flight to Tampa where a neighbor met us and brought us home.

Early in 1963 we visited Brother Wilfred in St. Petersburg. He took us to Tarpon Springs, the sponge center of the U.S. The streets are lined with sponges of all shapes and sizes, and there is a wholesale sponge market. The Greek restaurant was so interesting that we went again at Easter Time with Anita Klein Young. We listened as Anita conversed with the lady in the Bakery in Greek - the lady who picked out the sugary goodies and dropped them in the bag, then licked her fingers and picked up the next kind! We also saw the Greek Orthodox Cathedral decked for Easter.

The Grinnell trip in 1963 included Alumni days. At Alumni Chapel Louisa was among those called up for an alumni award and certificate. It was the 50th reunion of her class, and 77 members of the class, and spouses, were present.

Next we went by rail to Chicago and Ann Arbor for a visit of two days with Alfred Conard and family in their new home. Margaret Buckley Shull took us all out to dinner. From there we explained at Ypsilanti on a propeller plane on a hedge-hopping flight to Orlando, with stops at Cleveland, Charlotte, Atlanta, Jacksonville and Daytona. It took all day, and was fun. Our kind neighbor Mrs. Heber Jones met us and had us at home before dark.

Meanwhile Louisa has made half a dozen quilt tops, and had most of them quilted. But most importantly she has made a series of handsome braided rugs, all wool, very heavy and firm. Two are 8 x 11 feet, one 6 x 9, two 4 x 6 and two circular, 54 inches in diameter. Her other activities include presiding over the Woman's Club which meets seven times a year, and assisting a neighbor boy with latin and math, the modern kind! And a neighbor girl with math and english and "projects". H.S. is making keys to the plants of this region, both wild and cultivated. He has a manuscript finished, after a fashion. Of course Louisa does a lot of housekeeping, and feeding the family of two, and a little reading (We get the New York Sunday Times and New Yorker). H.S. claims to work two hours every morning in the garden, and sometimes does; and walks $\frac{1}{4}$ mile for the mail, and goes twice a week to Haines City, five miles, shopping for provisions and the Times. Between whiles he goes about the country in the old Chevy collecting flowers for his keys. Thus we keep fully busy and contented.

Faithfully yours,

Louisa and Henry

HENRY S. CONARD
LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA

November 15, 1963

Dear Relatives and Friends, Greetings:

How nice it would be if we could sit down and write a letter to each one of you personally! In lieu of that here is our biennial report. The days were not so crowded as the story may make it appear. In fact we spend most of our time quietly at home.

We are grateful for calls and visits from friends and relatives. Brother Wilfred gets over once or twice each winter from St. Petersburg, and entertains us there. Elizabeth and Harold gave us a few days at Christmas time, 1962. Brother Glen Sargent drove in from San Bernardino, Calif., early in June, 1962, and carried us to Grinnell via Fayetteville, N.C., and Rogers, Ark. Sister Sylvia Schwinger and Charles, from Oceanside, Calif., visited for two weeks in October 1963 - occasion for much conversation, and a visit to Highlands Hammock. Louis and Mary Hartson allowed us two days in April 1963, excuse for another trip to the Hammock.

We have attended meetings of the Florida Academy of Sciences at Florida Southern University at Tampa, and at University of Miami at Coral Gables. At the latter H.S. presented his views on simplified keys for the identification of plants. A trip was made to Okfenokee Swamp to collect mosses. That vast watery wilderness is fascinating: headwaters of Suwanee River; Billy's Island, an old moonshine hideout. The Swamp is now a Wildlife Preserve. We saw a big rattlesnake, a huge alligator, a herd of deer, and brought home a million voracious little black ticks.

Each September we have celebrated H.S.'s birthday with two days at Miami Beach. The attraction there is window-shopping, especially on Lincoln Road where several blocks are closed to traffic, landscaped with palms and shrubs, and converted into a huge Shopping Center. Returning from there in 1963 we stopped at Palm Beach for a call on Pauline Bleakney Fischer '32 and her husband. They entertained us cordially, including dinner and a ride past the Kennedy residences.

Two trips to Grinnell were the high points. In 1962 we spent 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months at 1014 Park St., Louisa's old home. From there we visited Iowa City and Des Moines, Marshalltown and Montezuma. It was cheering to find so many long-time friends all looking as natural as ourselves. In August Louisa was invited to Fonda to attend a reunion of the high school classes of the early 1920's - the 40th for the Class of 1922. We went together by bus to Fort Dodge. Thence H.S. went on to Arnolds Park and Lakeside Lab., thanks to Drs. Hulbary and King, and Mr. Sallee. That visit included a trip to Kelso prairie and Silver Lake fen. The Woldens brought H.S. back to Fort Dodge where Louisa and Sister Genevieve were waiting. Louisa had a great time seeing old friends, her former pupils, by the dozen, with end-less reminiscences both affectionate and humorous.

Best wishes to all.

HENRY S. CONARD
LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA 33851

Nov. 13 1964

Dear Dr. Lowy:

The easiest way to recognize a *Persea* in this region is by the galls on the leaves. They occur both on the widespread *P. palustris* (*pubescens*) and the endemic *P. humilis* of the driest scrub-oak communities. Just for fun I would be interested to know its name and family. It looks like an *Exobasidium*, one species of which is common on *Ericaceae* here. Do not take any trouble about it, since it is just for fun.

I survived my 90th birthday nearly two months ago by the same habits of sobriety by which I was able to reach that period. In fact, feeling a little off standard that morning, I worked an extra hour in the garden.

As there are no mosses around here except *Plagiothecium micans* and a few *Sphagnum*s, I have turned to flowering plants, or rather Vascular Plants for amusement. I have a manuscript key to about 800 species of native and cultivated plants of this vicinity, after the fashion of *Plants of Iowa*. By the way, that is being printed for the 11th time at present.

Mrs. C. keeps well and strong and busy: caring for me, coaching the neighbor children in Math and English, and making marvellous quilt tops and still more marvellous braided rugs. The whole house is carpeted with new rugs!

So we have a pretty good time. Two of my children have visited us this fall, and the third is expected next weekend.

I trust all is well with the Lowys. Are the children having "Modern Math"? If so, what is it all about?

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Henry S. Conard

Answered: 21-XI-'64

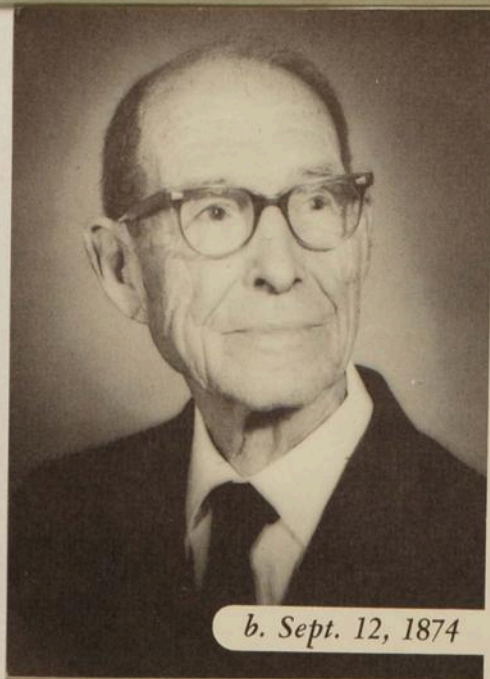


HENRY S. CONARD

LOUISA S. CONARD

CHRISTMAS 1962

Best wishes.



b. Sept. 12, 1874

WISHING YOU
THE BLESSINGS OF
HEALTH AND STRENGTH
AND HAPPINESS
AND SOMETHING TO DO
WHICH SEEMS TO BE
WORTH DOING
HENRY AND LOUISA CONARD
CHRISTMAS 1964

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Prof. & Mrs. Bernard Lowy
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Thanks for the paper on Tremellales, with
the evidence that you are still busy
with that group. I trust all is well with
you and the family. - We are pursuing
our hobbies. Two weeks ago we had two
interesting days collecting mosses at
Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia, and 3
days at the Herbarium of Univ. of Fla.

Cordially
Henry Conard.

Lake Hamilton, Fla.

Apr. 27 1964

Thanks for the reprints, extending our
knowledge of the Fungus Kingdom: Mycetozoa.
And the photo of yourself, - the best news-
paper portrait I ever saw. You must be
really "photogenic", - And congratulations
on the coming year abroad. How your young
fellows do get around now-a-days!

Best wishes to the family, all.

Yours Henry Stenard

March 21

September 1, 1965

Dear Dr. Conard:

Enclosed is a brave little Brazilian moss that does not mind traveling alone across the ocean to greet you.

I have been in São Paulo since the middle of June with Sara and the children and we are all enjoying our experience in this part of Latin America, heretofore unknown to us. For once, we too are "foreigners" in this land where Spanish is used only by the people of neighboring republics. We are making a little progress in the language, Sara taking a course offered by the Brazilian-American Cultural Institute, the children having Portuguese as part of their regular curriculum (Maxine in the 7th grade, Doris in the 4th) and I am getting it mostly "on the road" during my mycological excursions. São Paulo has all the earmarks of any large, industrial city. It reminds me most of New York, even to its polyglot inhabitants. There is a rush and a drive here among the people that seems quite atypical of the rest of Latin America.

Recently I collected in Blumenau (about 300 miles south of São Paulo), where Alfred Møller found so many interesting new tremellaceous things and Gasteromycetes in 1890-93. His report is called "Protobasidiomyceten" and was published by the Gustav Fischer Verlag in Jena in ~~1895~~ 1895. Few mycologists have bothered to collect in that vicinity since that time, most recently, Kenneth Wells (Davis, California) another former student of Dr. Martin, two years ago. Somehow, Møller overlooked the Dacrymycetaceae; he does not include them. Blumenau is named for its founder and the German influence is strong. Most of the tradespeople I met are bilingual, German being the language of preference of many. It was curious being

greeted by a Negro clerk in one of the shops with a "Guten Tag." Just like Louisiana.

I hope that you are as busy as ever and still chopping wood for exercise.

Our fondest regards to you and Mrs. Conard,

Cordially,

B. Lowy

HENRY S. CONARD
LAKE HAMILTON
FLORIDA 33851

Sept. 14 1965

Dear "Bernie":

How does a modern professor get anything done at home, if he spends most of his time in foreign lands? You have certainly done a lot of traveling! I am entirely in favor of it. It takes a man with a special interest to find the plants that a specialist needs. I recall a few years ago when a mycologist went to Colorado and Montana to collect rusts. Wilson, the phycologist, asked him to keep a lookout for Phycetes. He found hardly any. Later Wilson went over the same ground and found a lot. It will be the same with Tremellales! I think of Sao Paulo as the place for the higher Basidiomycetes! Anyway I am sure you are having a good time, both teaching in Portuguese, and in collecting. So, thanks for your letter and the moss.

If you see George Eiten, tell him that I have just written a letter to him via the Midland Naturalist, asking for help on some Oxalis specimens collected in Grinnell during the summer. Since that, I had a letter from N.Y. Bot. Garden locating him in Sao Paulo, same address as yours! Oxalis can wait!

We spent 3 months in Grinnell. I was at Iowa City twice. Dr. Hulbary took me to the AIBS meetings at Urbana, making it a very pleasant trip. The Botany department at Iowa City was much torn up with the alterations in the building, to allow much more space to Botany. Martin and Dean were on hand as usual, and very cordial.

Best wishes to all of the Lowys.

Sincerely,

Henry S. Conard.

Had my 91st birthday, happily, on Sunday!

Henry S. Conard
Lake Hamilton, Florida
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February 27, 1967

Dr. Henry S. Conard
Lake Hamilton
Florida 33851

Dear Dr. Conard:

The specimen which you sent me (Brazil, collected by Bernard Lowy) is a particularly nice example of Rhacopilum tomentosum (hedw.) Brid. Many thanks for letting me see it. Incidentally, I have never seen fruiting material of Rhacopilum from Florida. Do you have any.

My regards to you and Mrs. Conard,

Howard A. Crum

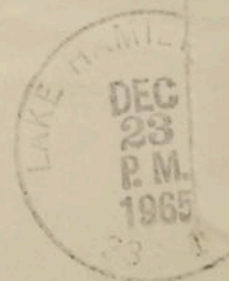
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*With good wishes,
Howard*

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We have done some visiting also. In the spring of 1964 we spent two days at the University of Florida, Gainesville, in library and herbarium, then two days at Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia, botanizing under the direction of Naturalist E. Cypert, and a day at Gainesville on the return. In July Prof. Margaret Gilbert of Florida Southern College, with a class of students, took Henry on a boat trip down Lake Marion Creek - a splendid bit of native vegetation. In September we had our occasional two days at Miami Beach; and Henry runs all around the vicinity in the old Chevy, botanizing. In April 1965 we had two days at University of Florida.

On June 1, 1965, we flew to Des Moines, went by bus to Grinnell, and put up in a delightful apartment in Mayflower Home until the first of September. Many acquaintances of past years live there now, among them Dr. Julia Hill, Mrs. Prof. Payne, Mrs. Bertha Shurts Smiley, Mrs. Flora Smith, Mrs. H. W. Matlack and David, Miss Harriet Korms.

Louisa made many acquaintances when she was working on a rug at the community sewing machine or the laundry, and Henry made friends by weeding flower beds and edging sidewalks, purely for his own health and enjoyment. We had visits on two successive Sundays from nieces Patty Pieters and Margie Bloomfield, both of Waterloo, and each with four interesting children and an interesting husband. Porter and Rebecca French spent a Sunday with us. Helen Betty Hornor Liljestrand stopped for a night and a morning on her way from New York to her home in Hawaii.

Between whiles Louisa had two separate days in Des Moines, and Henry had a day in Iowa City, thanks to Dr. Walker of the College, and a trip to Urbana, Ill., for meetings of the Fern Society and Moss Society, and a day off to visit the Bickers family in Decatur. Thanks to Prof. Hulbary, who furnished transportation from Iowa City.

Beside keeping ourselves alive, which is a major project on the hottest summer days, and involves trips of five miles to town on Tuesday and Friday all year for provisions, etc., Louisa has spent many hours helping neighbor children with "Modern Math" and other studies. She has also made two braided rugs 8 by 11 feet, and several 3 by 5, and five quilt tops. Henry has about finished a manuscript key to about 1000 plants of Central Florida, similar to the "Plants of Iowa". He takes some care of the lawn and garden with the help of our colored friend Sam Brown. Louisa's 2-year term as president of the Woman's Club ended in April 1964. We joined the Ridge Audubon Society a year ago, and enjoy the monthly luncheon and picture show at Lake Wales. In late May we don our caps, gowns and hoods to lead the procession of the local kindergarten to the church for Graduating Exercises!

We close this report with two days at University of Florida, November 17-18, where Dr. D. B. Ward and staff give help of inestimable value on the keys to the plants of Central Florida. We traveled by bus. No more long trips in our own car!

This long tale shows reasonably good health, and a good time. We expect to hear as much, and more, from you, and we wish you a continuance of health and "something to do that seems to be worth doing."

Sincerely,

Dear "Bernie":
Louisa and Henry

The cards for your greetings from Barbara's, as far as good letters some time ago, your lecture and lab outlines.

Lake Hamilton, Florida 33851

Christmas 1965

*Does, or will, Flores Brasiliensis include Fungus?
Are there any waterlilies in your region? Their
blooming behavior needs much study.
Regards to you, and the children. H.*

It must be wonderful to work in the region made famous by former mycologists.

Dear Relatives and Friends:

We treasure your letters and count on more of them. In return we offer our biennial report.

Your visits highlight our life here, so far from most of you. Without naming every one, we were favored with an overnight visit with Dr. Elva Lawton of Hunter College, the Moss Clinic, and now University of Washington Seattle. On January 1, 1964, Julia and David Appel and three winsome children spent a day and night with us. They had sailed in their own boat from New Orleans to Clearwater, and tied up there for repairs. They rented a car and drove over here. In April nephew Prof. Joseph W. Conard and Florence, from Swarthmore College, spent a day and a half with us. They left two handsome Hibiscus bushes which bloom constantly as a touching memorial. Joe was not well; he passed away early in 1965. In January 1964 brother Wilfred and David Richie made their last visit to us. Wilfred was totally paralyzed more than a year ago and still lingers helpless. David, Henry's classmate at Westtown in 1892, has passed on.

The Conard tribe rallied liberally in honor of Henry's 90th birthday. In July 1964 Alfred stopped off for a day on a business trip to Miami. His home is in Ann Arbor, at the Law School of the University of Michigan. He and Georgia and the two daughters spent the first semester of 1965 in Brussels, Belgium, with side trips to Holland and Sweden. About Sept. 1 grandson Alfred French and wife, Barbara, stopped for a few days to get acquainted. A month later daughter Rebecca and Porter French came for ten days. That included a trip to Highlands Hammock. Rebecca lives in Chester Ill., where Porter is Chaplain for the State Prison. They both enjoy short outings in the hills of the Illinois Ozarks - the spring flowers and autumn leaves. Their daughter Laura Bickers lives in Decatur, Ill., where she and Jim have three active and eager children, and a lot big enough for garden, fruits and playgrounds. Al and Barbara French live in Kansas City; Al is a student in the medical school and Barbara has a part time job teaching English. Elizabeth French is in the second year of a course in Art at the University of Stockholm, Sweden.

Our daughter Elizabeth Corkey, M.D. was here Nov. 25, en route from a meeting in Orlando. She is Assistant Director of the Public Health Center of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, N.C. Her daughter Caroline is in welfare work in Denver, Colo., and son David is doing graduate work in Mathematics at University of N.C., after his three year stint with the Army in France. In off seasons he visited the Corkey relatives in Ireland. Harold is professor of Philosophy and Religion at Charlotte College, now a branch of the University of N.C. The Corkeys spent part of Christmas Week, 1964, at Holiday Inn, about two miles from us, and were with us in daylight hours - a very happy arrangement.

In March 1965, Prof. Fabius LeBlanc, "Brother Fabius", from University of Ottawa, Canada, drove over from Tampa to spend a day and night here. We had two visits with Prof. Laessle, plant sociologist of the University of Florida, who came to study the scrub-oak vegetation in this region. Henry enjoyed two long hikes with him. A big surprise was when, one morning in November, Marian Bair and Allen Rosman from Portland, Oregon, phoned from St. Petersburg and arranged to call here that afternoon, bringing also Allen's sister Sarah Carpenter from Boulder, Colo.

through. H.S. plays for one or two hours every suitable morning trimming the grass along the sidewalks, with a clipper belonging to Mrs. Holmes. We attend chapel on Tuesday mornings, entertainment Friday evening, and, for H.S., Men's Club each Tuesday afternoon. H.S. was speaker at chapel, entertainment and Men's Club, once each.

One of the advantages of being in Grinnell is that we can have visits from several nearest relatives: Rebecca and Porter French, Alfred and Barbara French, Laura F. Bickers and Jim and the three children; Alfred and Georgia Conard and the two girls (Joy is a sophomore in Grinnell College); Margie and Harry Bloomfield and four children; Patty and Jack Pieters and four children; and Sylvia and Charles Schwinger - the last three couples being in the Sargent line, and all from Waterloo, Iowa.

Other guests in 1967 were Eunice Jones Weberg and her sister Dorothy Norman, and Rosamond Fawcett Leuty. Mrs. E. Beamer and husband of Fort Dodge drove in from the Interstate for a call one afternoon.

Louisa had two trips to Des Moines each summer, one always with Esther Norris (Mrs. Seiden), and one last summer with the Carmans.

In 1966 H.S. repeated the hike to Fallen Rock with the college botanists, and to Kronk's Bluff on Iowa River. In 1967 the Carmans took us to the Higgins farm near Traer. We botanized some among prairie trees, saw some of the workings of a modern farm (without garden or milk cows or horses or poultry, but a nice lawn with flowers, and a row of blueberry bushes full of fruit) and enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon!

We get to and from Grinnell by airplane via St. Louis and Des Moines. Our kind neighbor Mrs. Jones cheerfully takes us to and from the airports. Here at home we attend Audubon Society the first Monday of each winter month. Louisa has some official duties nearly all the time for the Woman's Club. She also still helps some neighbors with Modern Math, Latin or English. For this service we have just invested in a set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, with atlas, globe and 3-volume dictionary. Louisa still makes braided rugs of exceptional solidity and beauty. The house is carpeted with new ones, but still they come. As soon as one is disposed of another is begun. We part with them either as gifts or by sale, for cost of material plus a small wage.

In March 1967 some neighbors called Louisa to a committee meeting, which proved to be a birthday surprise party! There were gifts and festivities and a good time for all.

Henry takes a high school boy with him on his Saturday botanizing trips, and is busy the rest of the time naming the plants collected, and tending the garden and going to Haines City twice a week for provisions.

On Sunday November 12, Alan and Marian Rossman from Portland, Oregon, came over from St. Petersburg, where Marian's father and two uncles now live. After one of Louisa's turkey-and-apple-pie dinners we all went to Cypress Gardens, the first time for us in more than a year, though we both have passes. That brings us up to date.

We wish for all of you at least as good "good times" as we enjoy, and a constant assurance that life is worth living.

Louisa S. and Henry S. Conard

Why not ask Tropical Travel also in Florida?

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Dear Relatives and Friends:

THE CONARDS
Fifth & Main Sts.
Lake Hamilton, Florida 33851

Greetings: We owe you more than a printed letter, but we send this as a makeshift. It is two years since we reported in full: two busy and reasonably happy years. Shortly before Christmas 1965 Elizabeth and Harold came for a visit of two days. This they repeated in 1966, in Christmas week. They stay in a nearby motel so that both they and we can go to bed and get up at our customary times. It is a good idea, but makes us seem rather inhospitable! We expect them to bring David and his wife this year. On Christmas day, 1965, neighbor Mrs. Dye had dinner with us. She had just given us a beautiful walnut chest of drawers which was her mother's first household equipment in Ohio in 1867. We had it re-finished like new. It fits our style of furnishing admirably. It was Mrs. Dye's last Christmas.

In March 1966 Florence Conard spent a few weeks here, to our great enjoyment. Of course we felt all the time the loss of Joe. In our yard the two choice Hibiscus plants which Joe and Florence gave us in 1964 bloom better and better. I measured a big red blossom two weeks ago: eight inches across!

Ted & Vera Boardman get over occasionally when they are at home in Orlando, and we count on a call from Irene Rogers (Mrs. J. S.) at least once a month during the winter. She stays at Lake Alfred. The Armstrongs of Naperville, Ill., moss and lichen specialists, made a surprise visit one day and had time for some collecting in the "scrub". They also called at Mayflower one afternoon en route from the northwest.

We count on a few days at Gainesville, University of Florida, April and October. Louisa browses in the library and shops in the city; Henry plays in the Herbarium, getting information for his "Plants of Central Florida". In April 1966 H.S. had minor surgery at Lakeland, with a check-up in May, just too late for us to get to Commencement at Grinnell. In that line, L.S. had a mean bout with a virus for a week in October. In while we insist that we have perfect health, and can do anything that we ever could do, but not so far or so fast or so long or so much or up so steep a grade or with so heavy a load or so many things in a day as we did fifty years ago.

The last three summers we have been at Mayflower Home in Grinnell. We rent an apartment that is for some reason temporarily vacant. In 1966 we were fairly well settled when we were informed that the owners of the apartment would come over on the third of July to remove all of the furnishings. They had written in May that we could have the place for the summer. And so we could! We moved to another apartment on the same floor for three days and then back to the former one. The management and various kind friends found enough equipment for us to operate the rest of the summer - quite satisfactorily. In 1967 we had the same apartment, without interruption. We had to borrow several things to complete the equipment.

We greatly enjoy the fellowship of the residents of the Home. We are admitted in full standing to the Couples Club, and to all general activities. Louisa does a lot of housekeeping in the apartment, and works almost daily at the sewing machine in the big dining room, making a rug or a quilt. In that way she makes many acquaintances with persons passing

P. S. On April 21 Henry flew to Des Moines to receive a citation as member of the Iowa Conservation Hall of Fame. He flew home the next day.

Dear Friends and Relatives all:

We again declare our attachment to, and interest in, you, and wish you continued health and happiness, and work to do that is rewarding and satisfying.

We keep well and active, as usual. We drove and flew and bussed to Grinnell in June, for three interesting months at Mayflower home. Next year we will send our biennial report in detail.

We thank you for your remembrance and good wishes.

Sincerely,

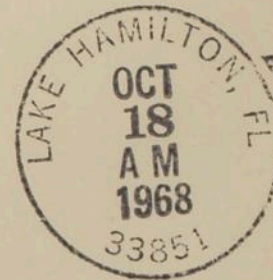
Henry S. and Louisa S. Conard

Lake Hamilton, Florida
December, 1966

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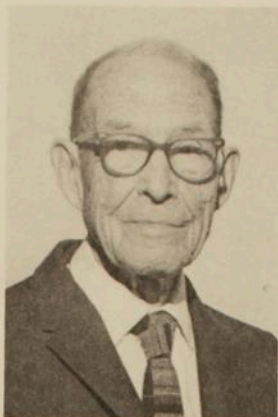


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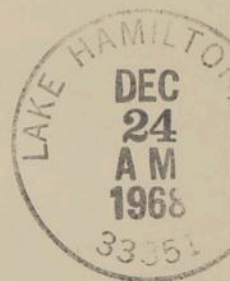
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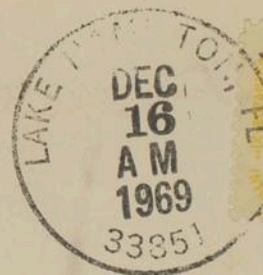
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The Ridge Audubon Society, and was published by the Society as of March 3, 1969, making a book of 143 pages, similar to the Plants of Iowa. In April 1969 we had a trip to Gainesville through the kindness of Mrs. J. Speed Rogers (Irene).

We were bidden to be at Grinnell College May 29, 1969 for the dedication of The Henry S. Conard Area for Environmental Research of Grinnell College, a 337 acre farm on Skunk River southeast of Kellogg. We flew over by way of St. Louis and Des Moines, and were met at the airport by Prof. Benjamin Graham and taken to Mayflower Home. Happily an apartment at Mayflower was offered to us for the summer, so we stayed on until September 2. We made one trip to Waterloo to see Louisa's nieces and their families, and her sister Sylvia, who was then in hospital. Shortly after that Sylvia died, ending a brave fight with diabetes for 35 years.

On September 12, 1968 four of our neighbor ladies put on a birthday party at our house in honor of Henry's 94th. There is nothing notable about 94. It was just an opportunity for the hostesses to express their goodwill toward us and for the community. Fifty guests registered. The project was graciously and gracefully carried out, without any responsibility for Louisa.

The biennium has included for Louisa being Recording Secretary of the Woman's Club. Meanwhile she has made 7 quilt tops and 5 braided rugs. Henry continues to botanize, and is already making revisions and extensions for the Plants of Central Florida. He still drives to Haines City, 5 miles, twice a week. At the end of October, last, we traded the 1954 Chevrolet Sedan for a Ford 2-door, with automatic transmission, radio, and everything else, "as good as new". Even so, Henry does not drive far from home, or in city traffic. So in extending an invitation for us to dine with Judge and Mrs. J. H. Willson at Bartow on Thanksgiving Day, the Judge kindly offered to call for us and take us home. Could you equal that? The Judge has taken Henry on wonderful botanizing trips on alternate Saturdays last Spring and this fall.

We close this letter with roses on the table, and zinnias, marigolds, nasturtiums, golden elder, chrysanthemums, Jacobinia, 5 kinds of Hibiscus and 3 wild asters blooming outside, and doors and windows open by day.

Louisa S. Conard
Henry S. Conard

Best wishes!

CHRISTMAS ANNO DOMINI 1969
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Dear Relatives and Friends:

In gratitude for your love and your acceptance of our love we offer our biennial report, hoping that you will likewise report, but do it better and more often.

We celebrated Christmas 1967 with a visit from Elizabeth, Dr. Corkey, and Harold, and their son David and his wife Nancy Finan. Elizabeth retired at the time of her birthday in 1968 and has been just as busy as before, but is her own boss. Harold continues as Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and filling the Sunday pulpit at various churches within a radius of 40 miles. Carol Corkey continues in psychological social service in Denver, Colo. We expect all of the Corkeys to be in our vicinity for 3 days at Christmas 1969.

We celebrated Christmas 1968 with a visit from Elizabeth and Harold

Other guests in Lake Hamilton were daughter Rebecca French for a week in October 1968, and Mrs. Gage Carman of Mayflower Home in February 1969. Briefer visits, much appreciated by us, were from the Bickers family, Prof. & Mrs. Grant O. Gale of Grinnell, Prof. & Mrs. George Lane, Grinnell 1927, of Colorado State University (retired), Rev. & Mrs. Kilburn Holt of Mayflower Home, and our nephew Charles Conard, and Betty, from near Philadelphia.

Perhaps our most important guest is Annette Towns, born February 1967, daughter of our one-time pupil Gail Jones, living across the alley from our house. At present she runs all around the place and talks constantly - a model little specimen.

Grandson Alfred French became M.D. in June 1969 and is now intern at University Hospital, Iowa City.

Son Alfred and family were at Grinnell for Alumni Day 1969. Joy is a sensible senior at Grinnell this year. For my enjoyment Debby played the flute music from Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice, accompanied on the piano by her mother. Debby is to tour Europe next summer with a group of college-age musicians.

We spent 2 days at the University at Gainesville in the spring of 1968, and 2 days at Miami Beach in September.

In November 1968 we spent 2 full days at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Thanks to Jack Jones and his mother for transportation to and from, respectively. These visits have to do with Henry's studies of the vegetation of Polk County. The studies led to a manuscript key to the common local plants, native and cultivated, which was donated to

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Dear Dr. Conrad,

It was good of you to think of me. I appreciate the mushroom calendar. In our somewhat drug oriented culture, certain mushrooms are all the rage. Last year I decided to investigate at first hand. Part of the result is in the enclosed report which I presented in a seminar earlier this year.

More than 20 years have passed since I was a student of yours at Dangler house. Now it appears that I may have to dust off some of my notes and offer a beginning course in mycology!

In the event that you have not seen any mushroom stones lately, I am enclosing a photograph of one that I took in the National Museum of Anthropology in Guatemala City. Using carbon dating techniques, it is estimated to date back to ± 1000 B.C.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Conrad,

Bernard Henry

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graduated at Grinnell College in June (technically speaking, college closed in May owing to the universal unrest). She is now taking secretarial training in Boston. Debbie is enjoying her freshman year at Grinnell.

The Sargent sibs are all in California. Brother Glenn reports by telephone occasionally, and rarely by a characteristic humorous and newsy letter. No major changes during the year. The Sargent-Hannon nieces of Waterloo, Iowa, and nephew Phil of near Baltimore, report occasionally by mail. No change.

We have taken 2 nights out, at Gainesville, for study in the herbarium and library of the University of Florida, thanks to transportation by Irene Rogers.

Staying at home the year around has given opportunity to enjoy our neighbors, who give us favors too numerous to mention: frequent calls at the open door of the garage where Louisa is usually making another braided rug; trips to Winter Haven; conferences about the Woman's Club, of which Louisa is Secretary; etc. Henry has quit driving around the country alone and is therefore especially grateful to Hon. J. H. Willson of the Circuit Court, Bartow, for all day or half day botanizing tours twice a month on Saturdays. It is so much the better when Mrs. Willson spends the afternoon with Louisa or all four go on the tour. Mr. E. M. Wheeler of the Retirement Colony of Nalcrest, a keen botanist, brings collections of plants for identification on alternate Thursdays, for the entertainment of Henry.

Louisa has 3 high school boys as occasional pupils for Math. and English, on a gratuitous basis. She had an important decennial birthday in March (guess how many!), for which Henry engineered a 10 a.m. 'coffee', with 4 guests, to announce the completion of a \$3,000.00 plus 'Louisa Sargent Conard Fund for the Advancement of Teaching' at Grinnell College.

We attend Audubon Society meetings at Lake Wales or Nalcrest monthly, Nov. through March; read New York Sunday Times, Grinnell Herald-Register, Haines City Herald, Science, UNESCO Courier, Smithsonian, 'Journal', etc., etc., and several books, borrowed or bought. Most interesting perhaps was a book of 108 pages 9 x 12 inches, celebrating the 100th year of Fonda, Iowa, where Louisa lived in childhood and later taught in High School, with pictures of places and people Louisa knew - including herself. Also a 64 page issue of the Record-Democrat of Pocahontas, Iowa, 17 x 22 inches, for the 100th anniversary of Pocahontas, where Louisa lived from 1901 to 1907.

We exchanged the 15 years old Chevrolet sedan at the end of Oct. 1969 for a used 2-door Ford Custom 6 cylinder car. To try it out Mrs. Sara Jones drove for us to the Grinnell rally in St. Petersburg, some 75 miles each way. Henry has driven it 2500 miles during the year (and has a driver's license good until Sept. 1972). In the spring we acquired an 8 x 10 ft. garden house, elegantly built by neighbor C. Wales.

We continue to have 6 kinds of oranges, 1 lime, 1 tangerine, 1 kumquat, 1 pink grapefruit, 1 Japanese persimmon (with a huge crop this year) and 1 young one, which should fruit next year; big white petunias all year, sheets of annual phlox in the spring, and many other flowers in succession.

Come and see for yourselves!

Louisa S. Conard
Henry S. Conard

Best wishes

CHRISTMAS, 1970
Lake Hamilton, Florida

Dear Relatives and Friends:

Whose kind friendships make life worth living! Greeting! And may you live happily and usefully beyond our allotted time. Here is our report for the current year.

We are, of course, especially grateful to those who have visited us. To mention a few: Mrs. Lucile Carman (Mrs. Gage G.) from Mayflower Home spent February here, sharing many domestic chores, -e.g. keeping a pitcher of orange juice on hand from our own trees. At the same time Carl and Mary Flanagan, also connected with Mayflower, called occasionally, driving some 45 miles from the Prof. Gale estate at Ocoee. In March Prof. Wm. and Martha Oelke spent a memorable day here, including a trip to Cypress Gardens. They drove over from their sabbatical leave at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. A very happy surprise was a few hours with Dwight Smiley and wife (Grinnell and Yellowstone Park), touring Florida in a rented car after a flight from near San Francisco. They also took us to Cypress Gardens. Professor John Morrill, one of Louisa's last pupils at Grinnell, now at New College, Sarasota, Florida, brought a dozen alert botany students to see the vegetation of Central Florida. Our old friends David Bair and Margaret Sherman Bair, with their daughter Alice, surprised and pleased us one day in July.

Our neighbor (30 miles south) Edith Tuttle Ellsworth spent part of a day with us, along with Naomi Mardis, Edith's niece-in-law. Edith left a sprig of Coleus as a discard, but Henry rescued it and we now have two showy beds of Coleus! Our nearest neighbor with Grinnell associations (Lake Alfred, 11 miles) and more like a member of the family is Irene Rogers (Mrs. J. Speed). We expect her to come over at least once a month along with her house-mate Mrs. Pugh.

The three Conard children have all favored us with visits. Elizabeth (Dr. Corkey, Charlotte, N.C., 'retired' and busy) and Harold and daughter Carol were here a few days at Christmas time 1969. They have engaged quarters in Haines City for 1970. Rebecca (Mrs. Rev. Porter French) came in September for 8 days, including Henry's birthday, for which Louisa conducted a dinner party for four at Lake Wales. R. and P. reside at Mundelein, Ill. In June they, with grandson Arthur Bickers, flew to Copenhagen, Denmark, going on to Stockholm to visit their daughter Elizabeth Hammarberg (Mrs. Joergen), who has become a citizen of Sweden. Rebecca's son Alfred (M.D.) finished his internship at Iowa City in June and moved, with his wife Barbara and infant daughter Alicia, to a post in Davis, Calif. Rebecca's oldest is Laura Bickers (Decatur, Ill.) with a devoted husband and 3 charming children. In April son Alfred Conard (Ann Arbor, Mich.) stopped over night returning from a meeting at Miami. He and Henry botanized a little, finding a hybrid paw-paw (*Asimina*). Alfred and Georgia's daughter Joy

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April 6, 1971

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Conard:

Whenever I think of Iowa, which is quite often these days, I also think of you. I correspond frequently with Dr. Martin, ^{and} although I have not seen him for over three years, he tells me he is well and goes to work at the university whenever weather allows.

I thought you might be interested to know that my daughter Maxine, will be an entering Freshman this fall at Grinnell College. She has a considerable interest in writing and in the study of languages. Of course, she could pursue these interests in one of several colleges, but I believe that the Grinnell tradition of excellence and its still small size are advantages that cannot easily be found elsewhere. Besides, I must admit that I am quite prejudiced in its favor. I feel almost as elated about Maxine going to Grinnell as she does.

My paper on Tremellales is still in press in "Flora Neotropica", but it has been delayed along with several others for reasons best known to the publisher. I plan to collect this summer in El Salvador and to continue with further work on the mushroom stones.

With best regards,

Cordially yours

Bernard
B. Lowy

October 12, 1971.

**Henry S. Conard,
Botany Professor
Emeritus, Dies At 97**

Henry Shoemaker Conard, emeritus professor of botany at Grinnell College, died yesterday in Haines City, Fla. He was 97 years old.

A distinguished scientist and teacher, Conard served on the Grinnell faculty for 38 years, from 1906 until his retirement in 1944.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow at the Dave Lane Funeral Home in Haines City.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 12, 1874, Conard received the B.S. and M.A. degrees from Haverford College, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

A bryologist (specialist in mosses), Conard earned an international reputation in his field. He was also noted for his intense interest in preserving the natural environment.

In 1968 he was one of 15 charter members inducted into the Iowa Conservation Hall of Fame by the Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

A member of many state, regional, and national scientific societies, he was a past president of the American Bryological Society and the Iowa Academy of Science.

Author of more than 100 articles and monographs including journals, he wrote authoritatively on the mosses and other plants of Iowa as well as on a wide variety of other botanical and horticultural subjects. His book, *The Plants of Iowa*, remains the definitive work in the field. He also researched and wrote a similar work on the vegetation of Florida.

This notice of Dr. Conard's death was sent to me by Maxine from Grinnell in her letter dated October 13, 1971.

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18 October, 1971.

Dear Mrs. Couard,

I have just received from Iowa the sad news of Dr. Couard's passing. I want to express to you my deepest sympathy for your great loss. There are many who will be saddened, for Dr. Couard's profound influence as a teacher, researcher and above all a humanitarian, has left its benign mark on all who were capable of responding to his unaffected sincerity and to his wisdom. I shall always remember him as a man of extraordinary gifts who was somehow capable of leaving one better for having known him.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Harvey

Professor of Botany



Lake Hamilton, Fla.

Nov. 2, 1971

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Thank you for writing to me. I know that many people think of Dr. Conard with much appreciation, and that the loss to them is very great. To me it is desolating. I benefited from knowing him more than anyone else.

Sincerely,

Louisa S. Conard

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