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EDWIN B. BARTRAM
BUSHKILL, PIKE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

June 15, 1960

Dear Dr. Gier:

The mosses from this region should be of unusual interest. If I can be of any help to you later just let me know.

The one indispensable reference book would be Mitten's Musci Austro-Americani - Journ. Linn. Soc. Vol. 12, 1869. Brotherus published a paper on Peruvian mosses - "Musci Weberbaueriani", Bot. Jahrb. 56 : 1-22. 1920, which might be of help. My "Mosses of the Ecuadorian Andes" - Bull. Br. Mus. Nat. Hist., Botany, Vol. 2, No. 2. 1955 might be useful but unfortunately my supply of reprints is exhausted.

There are numerous publications relating to adjacent regions which would probably be useful but it would be impractical to list them all. When the moss material is available I will be only too glad to help with the determinations if you desire.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B Bartram

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EDWIN B. BARTRAM
BUSHKILL, PIKE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

April 10 , 1961

Dear Mr. Gier:

With reference to the Peruvian mosses sent with your letter of Mch. 22nd. the following comments may be in order:
9598 & 9617 are certainly L. martianum. The basal leucysts in 2 layers and sections from the upper leaf show the chlorocysts much nearer the dorsal than the ventral side.
9597 and 9600 show the basal leucocysts in 2 layers which precludes L. glaucum and L. crispum. Without fruit one can only guess but I have an idea that these two collections represent Ochrobryum rather than Leucobryum. A number of Ochrobryum spp have been credited to South America but I am not familiar with the specific distinctions.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B. Bartram

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Department of Biological Sciences

23 March 1976

Dr. L. J. Gier
403 Euclid Blvd.
Carthage, MO 64836

Dear Dr. Gier:

I was pleased to receive your letter of March 18. Sorry to hear that you have been under the weather. I would like to take advantage of your generous offer to purchase the six books on grasses that you list in your letter which you priced at $8 plus transportation. I would like to purchase these from you and ask you about the possibility of my picking them up personally as I drive to the meetings of the AIBS which start on Sunday, May 30. It may be possible that I will have time to start early and visit friends en route. I have very dear friends in Altamont, MO. and if I can stay the night with them I may be able to drive by your place either the 26th or 27th of May and could pick up the books and visit with you at the same time. Since this is contingent on your plans as well as any emergencies of mine this may not be feasible. Do you know at this time about your plans on these dates? I am enclosing a check for eight dollars to hold these books pending our arrangements to pick them up personally.

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I'm sorry to say that our chapter of BBB fell by the wayside from lack of interest by all sides so that I would not be attending the Joplin Convention.

I gave your regards to Jerry Tomanek thru his secretary.

With best wishes for your speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours,

Howard C. Reynolds

Howard C. Reynolds
Prof. of Botany

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and 27 mar.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

May 9, 1976

Dr. L. J. Gier
403 Euclid Blvd.
Carthage, Mo. 63836

Dear Dr. Gier:

Thank you very much for sending the books that I had asked for. They arrived in find condition and I am pleased to have them. My check in payment is enclosed.

I was sorry to learn about your illness. I hope that you will be completely recovered very soon. Your work on the South American Thuidiaceae sounds very challenging and it should keep you busy for some time.

My suggestion about your slides of scientists (mostly botanists) is to contact the Hunt Library. It has been collecting information about botanists, and especially portraits, as you probably know. It may well be interested in your collection.

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I am teaching my history of biology course now and ejoy giving it. The students, all seniors and graduate students, seem quite interested in the material. There are 28 students, a good number for an advanced course.

With all my best regards, sincerely,

Emanuel D. Rudolph

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July 21, 1976

Dr. L. J. Gier
403 Euclid Blvd.
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U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gier:

I am glad to know that you are working on Thuidiaceae of Americas. It must be a very interesting group of mosses. Our friend, Mr. Watanabe is now working of Thuidium of Himalaya, especially eastern Himalaya. Dr. Touw of Leiden recently told me that his manuscript on African Thuidium was just completed, and was sent to the editor of Lindbergia.

I am still working on Asiatic Fissidens species, especially those of micro-Fissidens. I have found many of range extension of these micro-Fissidens in southern Japan.

If the followings are still available, please send them to me, and tell me the price (with postage).

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Barnes, C.B. 1896. Analytical keys to ...	2.00
Cooke, M.C. 1894. Handbook of British hepatics.	2.00
Mueller, J.F. 1935. Manual of drawing for sci.,...	1.00
Polunin, N. 1960. Introduction to palnt geography.	2.00
Russen, T.H. 1910. Mosses & liverworts.	2.00
Verdoorn, F. 1943. Manual of Bryology.	25.00
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Sincerely yours,

mailed Carthage
27 July 1976

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8 August, 1977

Telephone Cardiff 26241

Dear Dr Gier

I'm glad to say that your second parcel (with microfilm, etc.) arrived this morning! Obviously it had been manhandled, but was still beautifully packed; thank you.

With very best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

A R Perry

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22-vii-1977

Dr. L. J. Gier
403 Euclid Blvd.
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Dear Dr. Gier:

I wish to thank you for the reprint and the specimen. I must admit that in working on the Nebraska mosses I've accepted the taxonomy given by Crum et al for the time being. In preparing a formal treatment I hope to point out a number of problems associated with the taxonomy and ecology where possible for the Nebraska mosses. Since Thelia is not common in Nebraska it is difficult to assess the variation -but I will point out your findings concerning this genus. Frankly more work like the one conducted for Thelia is needed in a number of species-complex - for one Leskea gracilescens-polycarpa.

I would appreciate any other reprints you might have available especially on mosses. In the recent issue of Systematic Zoology, Blackwelder mentioned a book on the taxonomy of plants and animals by you - is it possible to obtain a signed copy from you at cost?

Sincerely,

Steven P. Churchill

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ps- I'm not quite a Dr. yet!

3 Mar. 1982. Steve has his PhD & is on Botany staff at Univ. Kansas, Lawrence Kans.