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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

MRS. W. KEATING JOHNSON
RIDGE PIKE ABOVE CITY LINE
ROXBOROUGH, PHILADELPHIA 28



1/9/55

Dear Dr. Liss—Thanked for your questionnaire for members of The American Bryological Society, and my cheque for current dues.

Your plea at the end of the News Letter leads me to give you information on one of your lesser members. This I do for two reasons, — first to express my appreciation of the help & inspiration I have received from Dr. Conrad, and second to give you a picture of the study of Bryology from the Amateur's viewpoint.

In formation in the Bulletin of The American Fern Society, of which I am a member, led me to apply for membership in The A.B.S. & at the same time ask for help in finding a book or books for the beginner. Dr. Wilmott Welch very kindly supplied this, together with hints on collecting, & procedure in collecting & packing specimens. Dr. Conrad's "How to Know the mosses" arrived & has proved invaluable. Since the book offered the service of the author in determining specimens I took my courage in hand & wrote asking if the offer still held good. Happily for me, Dr. Conrad said "Yes," & the results have proved to be the most fascinating & absorbing project I have ever undertaken. My collections now number some 2000, gathered in four years. "How to Know" is dog-eared & battered! I await the new edition.

The Amateur in almost any field needs encouragement, which Dr. Conrad's books gives at the outset, by saying

"go out & hunt for them", "collect all you can find". This I did, & poor Dr Conrad & his associates at the Moss Clinic have suffered in consequence! He has written me in congratulatory words & pains-taking answers to my questions. That has been my entire instruction, except for help given me by Dr. Schramm in the use of the microscope.

If I had bought Hunt's "Mosses with a Hand Lens" first, I never would have got anywhere, chiefly because he formed upon the collection of sterile specimens. That's very limiting, isn't it, — limiting not only to progress in describing one's powers of observation, but to one's enthusiasm. Both necessary to Bryology!

An untrained Scientist can fully appreciate the problems that beset the totally un-trained amateur, who needs some Greek & Latin, to say nothing of many new descriptive English words. (A bit of German, & Botany would come in handy too!) Then there is the matter of associating the description of a specimen as given in the text-book with what is seen by the naked eye, the hand-lens, and finally the microscope. After a while all the hints and pieces come together to make a whole picture, & that's progress. There's no fun & no sense of achievement where there's no challenge, & frankly I don't know of anything more challenging than the Mosses!

11 Your accentuation is unaccountably made up almost entirely of trained Scientists who comprehend all that is written in the "Bryologist". It is all very good reading, and instructive, but it seems a pity that there is not even occasionally an article geared to the amateur level. Probably such an article would be out of place in a Scientific publication. On the other hand it might

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Draw in new members.

If increased membership is your wish perhaps
an exchange of small publicity items in other
Bulletins would help. If it had not so happened that
I needed a note on Ferns I never would have known
where to get one on horses. I bought Dr. Wherry's
"Guide to Eastern Ferns", which suggested membership
in The American Fern Society, which in turn, as I
mentioned, led to the A.B.S. It was a long way
round, but here I am!

Yours most sincerely

Mauro Johnson

MRS. W. KEATING JOHNSON
RIDGE PIKE ABOVE CITY LINE
ROXBOROUGH
PHILADELPHIA 28, PENNA.



4/19/55

Dear Dr. Lier -

Thanks so much for your letter offering the use of the creasing form. At this time of the year I am so busy with my garden work that I have little energy left at the end of the day, even for the house. So I will have to decline the offer, for the present at least.

Thanks, also, for the suggestions on making slides. I suppose the glycerine continues better than water with the Hoyer solution.

Your glue method for ferns sounds good. I shall try that "when, as, & if".

The reason I felt that any way of mounting ferns finds was unorthodox was Dr. Wherry's reaction! He will not remember the occasion, but I do! It was very good of him to take time out to come here & see my modest collection, I grant you, but I was not particularly encouraged to go on with the project. Personally I thought they were more beautiful and more instructive when done my way. I believe that he has long since forgotten that he was ever a beginner. As a contrast I find that all the Bryopterists I have any contact with are more than kind in giving help and encouragement. Dr. Conrad has been very tactful about my blunders, & if an authority, such as he, can be understanding, why should not others be that way too?

I believe I have told you before that it is important for the beginner to have encouragement. That is chiefly why I suggested a few "popular" articles in the Bryopterist. Education in any subject must be progressive, of course, but "progress" must mean starting somewhere near the simplest

exposition of a subject?

It's very easy to lose the "beginner" point of view. I have found this out when giving gardening talks or instructions! Several years ago I wrote an article for The Bulletin of The Garden Club of America entitled "Introduction to Bryology". This was the "crusade" of a very humble beginner, & I thought I was writing in words of one syllable, & to speak, but I was dismayed to find that most of my friends considered it too technical even to finish! Alas!

Sorry, — I had not meant to deliver a sermon!

Thanks again for all your kindness,

Yours most sincerely
Hauor J. S. J.

MRS. W. KEATING JOHNSON
RIDGE PIKE ABOVE CITY LINE
ROXBOROUGH, PHILADELPHIA 28



IVY RIDGE
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11/9/55

Dear Dr. Gies —

Would it be possible to send me information
on back numbers of The Bryologist which
contain articles on Sphagnum, by Dr. Andrews?

He has been kind enough to determine quite
a few specimens for me, and I think that if
I were a bit more informed on the order, I
might learn something, and save him a little
work. It seems to be the case that the rarer
such things are, the more I want to know
about them!

Hope you have had a pleasant summer,

Yours most sincerely
Mauro Johnston

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BOTANY DEPARTMENT

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

February 13, 1953

Dr. L. J. Gier
Department of Biology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Gier:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 10th. I think my key-sort cards will be delivered sometime next month. I will send you one at the time so that you may be able to offer me some suggestions.

Would you have any students who might be interested in graduate work here at Southern next fall? It is possible for students to obtain graduate assistantships and scholarships here. If you have anyone interested, let us know.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a few reprints that may be of interest to you. I am happy to know that you have a somewhat lighter teaching load this semester. Don't be like me though and get over ambitious.

With kind regards and again thanking you for your interest, I remain

Cordially yours,

Margaret Kaeiser

Margaret Kaeiser
Associate Professor of Botany

MK:jw

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Apr. 2, 1946

Dear Dr. Loehwing:

The new Secretary of the Southeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America is Prof. John N. Couch, Dept. of Botany, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. He will have charge of the summer program of the Southeastern Section, so I suggest that you contact him immediately.

May I again point out that the completed summer program must be in my hands by May 15 at least if it is to be printed in time for the meetings.

I was very glad to have the opportunity of meeting you at St. Louis. I thought the meetings were very good.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Karling
John S. Karling
Secretary

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mar. 20, 1946

Prof. Walter F. Loehwing
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Prof. Loehwing:

Thank you for your letter of March 18. The information is exactly what I wanted. Burkholder was none too clear about the chairmanship of the committee, and so I left your name on. I agree that the representative to the Committee on Science Teaching should be chairman, and it seem to me that Blaydes of Ohio will be an excellent chairman.

I'll have a chance to talk with you about the summer meetings at St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Karling
John S. Karling
Secretary

P.S. Just received a letter from Henry P. Hansen, Chairman of the Pacific Section saying that Dr. P.A. Lehenbauer, Dept. of Botany, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, is the new Secretary.

tary of the Pacific Section. He is the one to write to at once
concerning the summer meetings of the Pacific Section.

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mar. 20, 1943

Prof. Walter H. Karling
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

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of Ohio will be an excellent chairman.
I'll have a chance to talk with you about the
summer meetings at St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,
Walter H. Karling
Secretary

P.S. Just received a letter from Henry F. Henshaw, Chairman of
the Pacific Section asking that Dr. F.A. Henshaw, Dept. of
Botany, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, be the new Secre-
tary.

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*Central
States
folder*

April 23, 1947

Mrs. Walter F. Loehwing
Department of Botany
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Loehwing:

I was very much distressed to receive your letter of April 16 and hear that Dr. Loehwing is in the hospital. I trust that his illness is not very serious and that he will be well in a short time. I can readily understand that under the circumstances it will be impossible for him to organize the Central States Section. I shall write to Dr. Anderson about this matter to see if he will undertake the job. However, it is not absolutely essential that the Section be organized this year. We can very well wait until 1948.

Give my best greetings to Walter and tell him to take it easy. Botany isn't that important.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Karling
John S. Karling
Secretary

JSK:SM

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

November 23, 1948

Professor Walter F. Loehwing
Department of Botany
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Professor Loehwing:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 15th and the list of plant physiologists. Yes, I have copies of Dr. Girton's correspondence with you, and I give him copies of my letters.

We are particularly interested in Mr. Mc Ilrath because of his training in handling radioactive isotopes and the fact that we are interested in developing research along these lines in plant physiology at Purdue.

As I indicated in my previous letter, the person selected will teach Dr. Girton's courses in plant physiology during his leave of absence in 1949-1950. Thus, the position is temporary for this period, but if the man makes good and shows great promise, I feel fairly certain that the job will become permanent. By this arrangement the plant physiologist will have ample time to look us over and vice versa.

I shall be writing to Mr. Mc Ilrath in a day or so. Many thanks again and best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Karling
John S. Karling
Head, Dept. of Biological Sciences

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

February 21, 1949

Dr. Walter F. Loehwing
Department of Botany
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

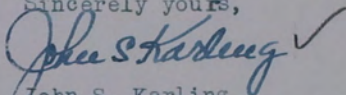
Dear Doctor Loehwing:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Central States Section. I think you have done an excellent job in getting the section started, and from now on the officers can carry the ball. I have informed the newly elected officers of their election and urged them to join with the N.E. Section for the 1949 summer meeting.

We were dismayed at Purdue that Mr. McIlirath did not accept our offer. While the position was temporary for a year, we fully intended to make it permanent.

With best of wishes,

Sincerely yours,



John S. Karling
Head, Dept. of Biological Sciences

JSK/lha

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

March 14, 1949

Professor Walter F. Loehwing
Department of Botany
State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

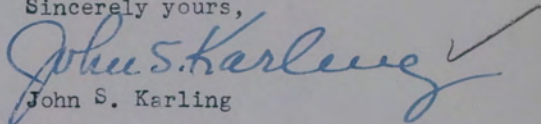
Dear Professor Loehwing:

I have already sent in a notice to Science about the Central States Section. As soon as the program of the summer meeting is completed we shall have it published in the Journal.

I too was surprised at McIlrath's decision, because I am familiar with the situation and environment at Texas A & M. It is run exactly as a military school and has very low scholastic standards. One of the physiologists there has written to us about an opening here because of that difficulty.

I am glad to hear about Burns, and I shall write to him in a few days.

Sincerely yours,


John S. Karling

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Dr. Walter F. Loehwing -2

April 15, 1946

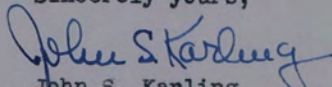
unique service to the Society as Vice-President in taking the lead in establishment of a Midwestern Section. How does this appeal to you? At least talk it up with your midwestern colleagues and get their reaction. Perhaps the territory which I have indicated is too extensive for the Midwestern Section. Maybe the Southwest would like to have a separate section.

I am now proceeding with plans for a Northeastern Section. Dr. James W. Marvin of Vermont seems to me to be a good man to handle this.

Let's make the Botanical Society of America, Inc., the organization it should be, and stimulate our members to take the same intense interest in it that the bacteriologists and phytopathologists, for instance, do in their societies.

Turning again to your immediate duty, what is the Phytopathological Society doing this summer? Is it holding a meeting in the midwest? If so, the midwestern botanists might meet at the same time, and we could list in general outlines its program in our summer meeting program.

Sincerely yours,


John S. Karling
Secretary

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CARTHAGE COLLEGE
CARTHAGE, ILLINOIS.

Department of Biology

ALICE L. KIBBE, Ph.D.

JONATHAN HOOVER, M.A.

March 15, 1955

My dear Dr. Gier:

Am glad to hear of your
tract of wild land, for con-
servation purposes.

The reference to James Wibbe
was unmistakable - was
not Webber.

I have one or more sets
of Patterson labels, but not
especially for Pringle. I'll see
if I can send you one or
more specimens.

Got about 200 plant
specimens prepared by
Pringle and other very
well known botanists.
They were in paper folders
but I had them mounted, and
am very proud of them. They
were in the old Patterson
woodshed, and were given me
by the lady to whom Mrs.
Patterson willed her home.

Sorry that book was defective.
I don't suppose I could find
the pages, but I could send you
another copy, and you could
(over)

send that one back to me. what
pages were missing? I might
try to find them. Let me know,
please.

Sincerely,
Alice L. Hibbs

I smuggled out one duplicate
sheet from the labels. There
are probably 300-400, but not
many duplicates.

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Wrote 11.16.53

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20 April 1948

Dr. L. J. Gier
William Jewell College
Department of Biology and Geology
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Gier:

Thanks for your letter. I am glad to know that you became interested in mosses.

Yes, I am interested in publishing a Bryogeography of Nebraska and have been working on it systematically for nearly fifteen years. I do not believe that mere state records add much to knowledge, but to the contrary, are cumbersome to bibliography.

I have by now collected cryptogams in every county of the state, and that by the thousands.

Specimens are sent to the exchange or herbarium ahead of publication in order to have them available for special studies but certainly not for someone else to publish them as new state records.

Yours for bigger and better bryology.

Sincerely,

Walter Kiener

Walter Kiener
State Fair Grounds
Lincoln 3, Nebraska

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August 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Gier:

The most specimens have been received by
this department. I shall be glad to be of any
further assistance whenever needed.

Very sincerely,

Clair L. Kucera

Clair L. Kucera
Asst Prof of Botany

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

December 11, 1951

Mr. L. G. Gier
William Jewel College
Department of Biology
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gier:

Being sent under separate cover is a moss specimen which I have not seen in fruit. I have several possible answers to its identity, but can't be sure. It is found on rocky woods soil, in association with Picranum scoparium, Thuidium delicatulum, Catherinea (probably angustata), and Cladonia as well as other less common species.

I am wondering if you would identify it for me, if possible in its present condition.

Thank you,

Clair Kucera

Clair Kucera
Assistant Professor
of Botany

CL:srh

September 2, 1952

Dear Dr. Gier:

I am sending 2 specimens which were obtained just recently from the prairie to which I had referred earlier. The one specimen I had not observed previously. This is in the package marked "1". This area is true prairie; the species as well as the soil profile development attests to that fact.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

C. L. Kucera

This letter may precede the package
by a day or two.

C LK.

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Astrichum xanthocephalum
Panicum chrysophyllum

10-25-52

Dear Mr. Gier:

I am sending 2 mosses for your identification. If you would verify my names - or change them as the case may be - it would be appreciated. Please do them at your convenience since I do not want to take time from your work.

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Chamked. acum
Eur. hairs

Borne County, Limestone
Bluffs near Mo. River.

Shaded woods, moist habitat.

10-1-1952

II Borne County, Loess soil
of Mo. River Bluffs. Wooded
Embryonal stages area, seemingly a drier
type of site than I. 10-1-52

Wrote
X-27.52

Sincerely,
C. L. Kucera

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

May 14, 1953

Dr. H. L. Gier
Department of Biology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Gier:

I have a graduate student undertaking an ecological problem in the Trimble Wildlife Area, north of Kansas City. It is my understanding that a member of your department made a list of plants found there prior to its flooding. Would it be possible for us to obtain such a list? It would be appreciated very much if we might have access to this information.

We have a list of present composition, but it should be supported by the pre-flooding list. If only one copy is available we could reproduce it and return immediately.

Sincerely,

C. L. Kucera

C. L. Kucera
Assistant Professor of Botany

CLK:pjt

*P.S. Are you going to Madison
this year? Will see you there
I hope.*

*sent
V. 19.53*

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

July 6, 1953

Dr. L. S. Gier
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Gier:

Would you please identify the moss specimen
being sent under separate cover. It is very abundant in
a sinkhole opening south of Columbia.

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Sincerely,

C. L. Kucera

C. L. Kucera
Assistant Professor of Botany

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

March 14, 1960

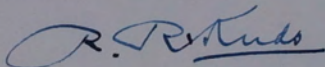
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Professor L. J. Gier
Head, Department of Biology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Gier:

I appreciated very much your hearty welcome and good will during my mission on your campus as a visiting biologist. You made me feel quite at home and naturally I enjoyed every moment of the time I spent on your beautiful campus. Will you kindly convey my thanks to the other members of your Department?

Very sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. R. Kudo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. R. Kudo

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA

April 29, 1946

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Dr. Walter F. Loehwing,
Department of Botany,
The State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Loehwing:

The Pacific Section of the American Botanical Society will meet on the campus of the University of Nevada on June 17-22, 1946.

It was originally planned to hold the meetings of the Pacific Section of the A. A. A. S. in Berkeley, California, but because of the housing shortage they were transferred to Reno. I have a letter from Dr. Robert C. Miller, the Secretary of A. A. A. S. stating "The preliminary announcement of the Reno meeting will be mailed to all members of the Pacific Division on April 24th." I haven't yet received this announcement. I hope to start at once on the program of papers for the Botanical Society.

I have just recently been appointed to the Secretaryship and our time is short, but I am hoping to have the program ready by June 1st, the "deadline for receipt at this office of all copy for the final program".

I thank you for your offer to cooperate and help in every way possible. We are hoping to have a successful meeting and I personally shall be happy to see you here.

Sincerely,

P. A. Lehenbauer

P. A. Lehenbauer,
Professor of Botany.

PAL: EC

MISSISSIPPI
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DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

January 29, 1941

Mr. L. J. Gier
Campbell College
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I would like to obtain a reprint of your
article "Root Systems of Bright Belt Tobacco" if
you have extra copies of same and any other publi-
cations you may have dealing with root systems. I
would also like to know the length of Prjanischnikow's
article so that I might order the Bibliofilm. 71988

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I

am

Very truly yours,

O. A. Leonard

O. A. Leonard
Plant Physiologist of
Agricultural Engineering Dept.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

14 May 1948

Dear Dr. Gier:

Dr. Tucker has asked me to take care of the request made in your letter of May 13th. We will be pleased to send you the entire collection of mosses for your examination. I doubt if you would wish to have the entire collection at one time, but will send it if you wish. The entire collection would, it appears, amount to some 2 or 3,000 specimens. This is only an approximation as the collection is not numbered separately. I now have all specimens in cartons, having used 3 cartons about ~~22~~ 16 x 16x ~~24~~ to hold them. Do you wish me to send all three cartons of materials, or would you prefer one at a time? I will withhold shipment until I hear from you.

If you wish you may keep the material for a month or so, thus you might be able to check it a little more carefully.

As soon as I hear from you I will ship all or any part of the collection you wish at this time.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Livingston

R. B. Livingston
Assistant Professor

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

21 May 1948

Dr. L. J. Gier
Biology Dept.
William Jewell College
Liberty, Mo.

Dear Dr. Gier:

I am shipping Express Collect this date one carton containing somewhat less than one third of our moss herbarium. The remainder of the herbarium is now packed in two larger cartons and can be shipped whenever you desire it.

As I suggested in my earlier letter you may keep this material for a month or so if you wish to.

Sincerely,

R.B. Livingston

R.B. Livingston
Assistant Professor

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

2 June 1948

Dr. L. J. Gier
Biology Dept
William Jewell College
Liberty, Mo.

Dear Dr. Gier:

Glad to hear that you found some new records for your county and for the state in the portion of the moss herbarium you have checked. I certainly have no objection to your reporting them in publication, and I'm sure Dr. Tucker would have no objection.

If you find other specimens which you feel should be checked by Conard or others you are welcome to take a portion of the material so long as adequate material remains. Would of course appreciate information on the identifications in order to bring the specimens up to date.

I packed the remaining two cartons of mosses yesterday and the express people should pick them up today. If you find it impossible to complete them before July 6 you may keep them a few weeks longer. The present shipment is marked "carton #2 and carton #3 on the side of each carton.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Livingston
Robert B. Livingston

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

29 March 1950

Dear Dr. Gier:

I am glad to hear that you are getting some worthwhile information from the mosses. I would appreciate it if you would rearrange them, for their placement in different boxes has no significance as I see it. By all means keep all specimens until you are finished with them. We are in no hurry to have them returned. You are making far more use of them now than they would get here. I do not anticipate any need for them in the near future. Keep them as long as you like.

Sincerely,

R.B. Livingston
R.B. Livingston

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 1, 1950

Mr. L. J. Gier
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Mr. Gier:

I thank you for the specimens which you sent me in your letter of January 6, 1950. These arrived during my month's vacation and consequently I have not been able to answer your letter promptly. The material is very interesting and I am grateful to you for bringing it to my attention. I shall place them in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

George A. Llano
George A. Llano
Associate Curator
Division of Cryptogams

P. S.

- 2325- sterile fragments of *Peltigera*.
109- *Collema glaucescens* Hoffm.
110 f- *Physcia*, apparently new species
111 f- but needs further checking.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 13, 1950

Dr. L. J. Gier
Department of Biology and Geology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Gier:

Thank you for your letter of February 6 and for the enclosed lichen sample which is not an Umbilicaria but Dermatocarpon aquaticum (Weis.) Zahlbr. I felt fairly sure when you spoke to me in New York about this lichen that it was probably not an Umbilicaria. However, I am grateful to you for bringing it to my attention. The sample will be placed in the Smithsonian collections. The Peltigera which I mentioned in my first letter was too small to be determined with any accuracy. I had not planned to check the Physcia further in order to determine if it were a new species, which I would have to do very carefully before proceeding to describe it as such. If you wish to send it to Dr. Dodge, I think that he certainly would be able to satisfy your curiosity much quicker than I, since he has a tremendous file catalog of all new species.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Llano
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Associate Curator
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. L. J. Gier
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Department of Botany

Iowa City, Iowa

February 18, 1941

I wish to express my appreciation for your kindness
in supplying me with your valued reprints.

Sincerely,

W. F. Loehwing

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 12, 1952

Dr. L. J. Grier
Dept. of Biology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

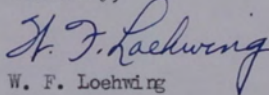
Dear Dr. Grier:

I take pleasure in announcing that, on the recommendation of Professor J. H. Bodine, you have been awarded a summer honorarium in the Lakeside Laboratory of the University of Iowa, carrying with it the sum of \$75 in cash.

This year the summer session is of eight weeks duration, beginning June 11 and ending August 6. The payment will be made at the end of the session.

We shall appreciate your early reply. May we hear from you not later than May 26.

Sincerely,



W. F. Loehwing
Dean

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cc: President Hancher
Professor Bodine
Registrar
Miss Mitchem

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
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21 May 1952

Dr. L. J. Grier
Dept. of Biology
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

Dear Dr. Grier:

In regard to our letter of May 12th,
I wish to inform you that the dates for
the summer session were incorrectly listed.

This summer the session is of ten weeks
duration, beginning June 9 and ending August
17.

Sincerely,

W. F. Loehwing

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Dean

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
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June 5, 1952

Dr. L. J. Grier
Dept. of Biology
Wm. Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

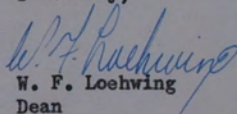
Dear Dr. Grier:

I am writing to inform you that the summer honorarium of \$75 which was offered to you in our letter of May 12, 1952, covers the first five week session, beginning June 9. Our original letter was in error stating "the summer session is of eight weeks duration."

If you desire further information on the school, I believe Dr. Bodine, Head of the Zoology Department here will be able to supply it.

It would be helpful if you would confirm the appointment no later than June 10. Trusting we have caused you no great inconvenience and looking forward to your reply, I am

Sincerely,


W. F. Loehwing
Dean

WFL/lh



INSTITUT BOTANIQUE
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Montreal, September 7, 1959.

Dr. L. J. Gier,
Department of Biology and Geology,
William Jewell College,
Liberty, Mo., USA.

Dear Gier:

Thank you for your letter and order for the Lund Botanical Society. I am sending you a receipt for the sum in Canadian dollars, your calculations came out correctly when my bank also had subtracted for its transaction.

It was nice seeing you both here, although the time was much too short and also too hectic these days. We would have liked so much to have you at our home, but when we at last came as far as to plan this, we could not find you here and took others instead. You have probably then been on your way to the more warm regions in the south.

Since we have not had time to answer letters for more than a month now, every day this week will have to be used for this. There are secretaries at the Institute, but since they all are being used by a single person, we have to use our own typewriters and fingers. This is also the best thing, since our letters are in so many languages that no secretary would be able to cope with it, except the Scandinavian ones who always know many foreign languages! But it is also more pleasant to write without intermediaries, since then I at least see for me those who are going to read the letter and feel as if I were speaking to them directly.

I hope you felt that your trip north was profitable and pleasant and that we will soon meet again here or somewhere else and then be able to talk more together than this time.

With the very best regards from house to house.

Sincerely,

Yrskan Löve

A. Löve

Lowry

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REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

CARE OF STATE UNIVERSITY, IOWA CITY

August 13, 1949

Dear Dr. Gier,

As you know, we are beginning our last week here at the laboratory, and as I review the nine weeks that have already passed, it seems to me that I have rarely found myself in more fortunate circumstances. The privilege of having both Dr. Conard and yourself as my teachers for the first five weeks was a memorable experience.

During the past few weeks I have been going over the "old" specimens and learning a few new ones. The Blawie collection has served this purpose admirably. I have spent about ten days with the hepatics during which time I have examined specimens of almost all of the genera described in Dr. Conard's "How to Know" book. A few days ago I tried my luck with Sphagnum and have worked up enough technique to realize some of the difficulties involved. The 7 species in Andrews' key listed as having

spiral bands in the cortical cells of stems and branches are relatively easy to handle, but the 32 other species I am leaving for the experts because life is really too short to do otherwise.

Miss Gentry has rejoined us, her mother having improved. She appears to be quite enthusiastic — about birds.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Conard gave me a list of some publications of the *Chronica Botanica* in which you have called my attention to the book by Camp, Rickett and Weatherby on Nomenclature. Thanks for the reminder! Although I have a copy of Bisby's book covering more or less the same ground, this should be a very worthwhile investment.

A few weeks ago, I sent a check to the Intelligence Press at Lancaster, Pa., requesting a copy of Grout's book. I received a note from them a few days later advising me that they were only the printers and that Miss Ethyl Eddy of 10½ Chestnut Street, Brattleboro, Vermont was the administratrix of the Grout Estate, to whom my letter was forwarded. Apparently the matter has

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ended there, because I have heard nothing from her since. However, Dr. Conard told me recently, that the book is now available from the Chicago Museum. I haven't written to Miss Eddy yet, but if I don't hear from her within the next six months or so, I guess I'll send her a note.

I suppose you have the Missouri mosses in pretty good shape by now and are looking for new fields to conquer!

Let me wish you and Mrs. Gier happy hunting and a pleasant and profitable summer.

Yours sincerely,
Bernard Lowy

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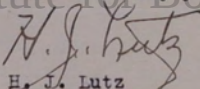
February 11, 1941.

Prof. L. J. Gier,
Cambell College,
Buie's Creek, N. C.

Dear Professor Gier:

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of
your paper "Root systems of bright belt tobacco." Hav-
ing done some work on root systems myself I can appreciate
the large amount of careful work that went into your in-
teresting paper.

Most sincerely yours,



E. J. Lutz

Associate Professor of Forestry