

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

MEMORANDUM

13 Mar 1912

Dear Dr. Newland.

You will have evidence; in the 32 Leaflets pages, that I have taken some pastime while, during the whole winter, I have been tied down to plant-identification for the Forest Service. Not a stroke of work in the history, these almost four months. I had meant to have something for the M. N. for March; but it is now too late.

I have not even been able to resume work on Thalictum. But now, I hope the Forestry Herbarium identifying is about over until next fall; and I shall be free to do my work. I reckon the spring is late with you, as with us, but it must now soon come. Yours L. S. Brown.

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12 April, 1912.

Dear Fr. Newland.

When your Easter letter came the other day, I barely began reading it, then quit; folded it up and put it back. I was when I did not want to be troubled, disquieted, distraught, or whatever you call it - by temptation. I had had two other - three other - like letters from the midland lately. You will have seen that I was busy with another issue of Leaflets! Now, I want - am even busier now - to finish the volume in May, and be done with it!

I will let vol. II close the series; then I shall be able to give you, and Dr. Fiedde plenty of copy!

After all, I may possibly

drop all, for the present, and
go West first; but reason seems
to say, "do not be tempted, but
stay by your work at home"
this spring. I do not know
whether I shall yield, or not.

Spring is at its loveliest
here, almost, yet I can not
spare an hour to go and see;
but Rev. Dr. Moon came in yesterday
and tied me to an engagement
to go up to Chain Bridge with him
and a student, on Sunday.

If I should within a couple of
weeks make a step your
way, I shall not be able to
stay long; not at all as long
as before; and it will also, I
know, be harder than before
to get away — Yours Ever
E. L. Green.

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[26 May 1912]

Whitsun Day, 1912.

Dear Fr. Viewland.-

I suppose I ought not to have waited so long before telling you that I seem driven to abandon all thought of getting away from Washington at all, this summer. When I recall how many pieces of writing are begun, some of them well along, none finished, and that all will have to be dropped if I go West, and harder to resume when I get back; and when to all that is added the consideration that my years are multiplying - soon to be within one year of 70 - it is impolitic for me to give my weeks and months to the pleasure of roaming, and acquiring new knowledge. There are twenty families of plants that I know now better than any other man ever knew them, each of which I ought compully to write up. Each of that

20 would take me a year to do.
My history has not had a line added
to it these last six months.

My autobiography, begun in 1800, has not
been touched for 6 or 8 years; and that
would be a piece of history of N. Am Botany
of importance, which none but myself
could attempt. I must - it is plain-
fargo pleasure, and new investigation, or else
the best that is in me will never
be brought out. Not half of it can
be, of course, because it is getting late.

If I could be relieved of this giving,
half my working time to the service
of Forestry Plant identification - which
I am compelled to give in order to
live, then I should feel a little
more free to indulge in a little leisure.

In a year more, I can take my library
and collections away as my own. Then I will
take them when the value of them will
at least ensure me such an annuity
as I can live on, and be free to give

my whole time to writing. Will it be
Notre Dame that will then adopt me?
Will it be the Field Museum at Chicago?

One of the two, I hope; for I am more
fond of the west. For many years I have
wished to write Ill. and Wis. botany, which
I was so much in love with before you
were born, and not less so since you led me
to so many new fine places in Ind. &
Michigan.

I have got, lately, a few precious
treasures in the line of books; among them
the Flora Littuanica of Gilbert, which we
so much needed last season. I will show
them all to you when they come.

Till our dear Joe I wish I could see
them graduate, but it is hardly possible.

Yours ever

Edw. L. Greene.

I began this two days since; and now it ✓
is Tuesday, the 28th.

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17 June, 1842

Dear Dr. Newland. -

The document, "Monographie des Coquilles *** de la Riv. Ohio" is bound up in a volume with other Raf. papers of equal rarity, and I shall have to send the whole volume. Will mail it by and by, that is, this afternoon. It is - the volume as a whole - liable to be called for any day; so please tell Mr. H. to be as expeditious as he well can, in account of the obtained papers.

I see that Raf. puts himself on a genus Notrema, of the Conn. Ohio, as having been pub. earlier, in Ann. Month. Mag., which series I have.

Yours Ever. Edw. L. Greene.

I must let that your section is now begun, and I shall look for you soon!

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 25 June, 1812.

Dear F. Virelance.

If my Landmarks II, and my
Thelidium monograph are to be done
before October, I must forbear letter writing,
and all else; nevertheless, I am glad to
take respite now and then by reading letters,
and even by looking at living plants.
In this line, I have now "*Asclepias syriaca*"
under inspection. If you come across any
of it around Rotterdam soon, please box
up, or bottle up, some fresh umbels of
its flowers and send me, using the
enclosed frank. Its flowers have never
been really described; and I doubt
whether there be not a half-dozen species
mixed up under it. If you get it
for me, do not cut the specimens. They
would rot! What about that fool
paper in Rhodora or Altitude? shall I
check it up, in our M.N.?

Do you know I am hoping that
you will not go to Washington! Such
lots of things yet to be found out right
when you are! Get a lot of stuff, and come
back, by and by! Yours ever
E. L. Greene.

And those apocryphs all around you!!

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MEMORANDUM 1 July, 1912.

Dear Mr. Viewland--

well that July is the I know very
of the season for collecting in
general, both East and West; though
for aquatics it is not so good.
As for the weather here, it was
as extraordinarily fine and
~~cool~~ cool here all through
both May and June, that I
am apprehensive of heat to make
up for it, this month and next,
altho' to-day is lovely. So was
yesterday, 30 June, both here, and
at Harper's Ferry, when I did an
extraordinary good day's gathering
of fine things. As soon as you
come, we shall have to go down
to the Patuxent River for a day.
Sagittaries and Potamogetons are there
in hundreds of acres as thick as
they can stand.

Yours ever

Edw. L. Greene.

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8 July, 1892.

Dear Fr. Newland.-

You have taken a great deal of care and pains with them, and have sent me much more than I asked for, and also in a condition to handle nicely as to forms of organs. Also exactly what I most wanted to know is what I can now here learn; that is, the color of A. Syriae flowers (the hoods!) and how they change color. At opening they (the hoods) are of one color, which, within a day or two changes to another color; and so the newly opened hood is of one shade, the one below it a few days older is of another shade. This I could only

have ascertained by the sending
 of the top of a plant, leaves,
 umbels and all, without
 moisture, which was what I

asked for. Now, you observe
 what I tell you, and report on it
 when you come. In the
 coloring, now, and changed,
 varies greatly here, in different
 colors. So it may be with
 you. I think also the woods
 are of different form in
 your plant; but I have
 not yet taken the flowers
 out yet to compare. They
 will keep, as you have preserved
 them; and in this way of keeping
 them, of course one gets the form
 of things just as they are, and
 better than by boiling out

after having been dried.

It has become dreadfully hot, as we expected; still, I go out for a half day now and then, to get upcynams, and do not suffer any greater inconvenience than the necessity of putting on dry clothes when I come in. I am looking for you now daily; and suspect that all this writing is too late to catch you there.

Yours

Edw. L. Green.

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13 July, 1892.
Dear Fr. Newland. —

I thought — I intimated that — it would suffice for me to have your report as to change of color in the flowers, but it is well you sent me the flowers, any way; for I see that in your plants they do not undergo the change that is so marked here. In your plants the hoods are red from the first, and are little altered later. Also they are notably smaller than in our plants.

The undershrub goes for Hudsonia tomentosa, Nutt., but I have doubts about its being just that.

HOTTEN, 1000 HARRIS, 1000

Yesterday, the thing happened
 that I was in fear of. There
 was a ~~call~~ call for one of the
 papers in that Repressive
 volume; and I had to
 say it was out. Please
 have it sent back at once,
 I ought to have got the
 librarian's permission to
 send it; but that would
 have taken time, and so,
 if he asks me, I shall
 have to plead guilty to
 having transgressed the
 rules. I hope it will
 be a little less hot next week
 when you come.

Yours E. L. Green.

1812

Washington, 30 Sept.

Dear Fr. Newland.-

It is the end of September, and now I must put other matters aside, so that if possibly I may within the next three weeks get the Leaflets vol. done. I think I have copy enough, almost; but it will take some time to get the pieces together and connect them. I shall try my best to be already for a western trip by the last week in Oct.

Rydberg has not come, and for the rows it may be well; for this

morning, numbering
my sheets of the genus.
I came upon pages of
manuscript species
which I had written
perhaps ten years since,
and had forgotten all about.
Also there are other un-
published notes in my
notebook which I will try to do.

The weather is now
perfect; the best of the
whole year for work, and
I would try to improve
it, and abstain from
writing letters as much as
possible.

Yours E. L. Greene.

Dr. Lence writes me he has placed
it with you to publish what you
will of the two things he has written
on the Achillea. I have little or no
doubt that he has the true multiflora
but it is fine to have added that to
the flora of the U. S., and is worth
better the telling, and a fuller
description.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 26 Oct. 1912

Dear Dr. Niessland.

I certainly am determined to go your way as soon as may be; I think, in a couple of weeks from now, though for a very short stay. Am I to bring with me, or to send before me, a second paper on the meadow mice? I shall have to write it, and I want to do it, and it will not take so long as the other did.

Rydberg is here now, and will remain until the end of November. I have shown him the way to things he wants in my herb., and he can get them himself.

A new matter has come up, and one that may alter my work plans for the winter, and keep me here for time. Prosser has been brought to hear on Sm. Inst. Ac., from without, where the Landmarks vol II finished and brought out. If he renews the grant I declined a year ago, that will compel me to finish the thing at the earliest possible date. In that event I should hardly go away at all, still, I shall go for a little while, do you see.

The written statement you ask for, I suppose I should attend to soon, and I will.

Yours Ever

Edw. L. Greene.

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MEMORANDUM 31 Oct. 1912

Dear Dr. N. -

Yesterday I read final
proofs of last Leaflet. vol. II pages,
and handed the printer the copy
for index and ad, hoping he would
say he could finish this week.
He can not, and I must wait
until Tuesday before mailing,
so that it will be Wednesday
that I may hope to start, unless
unforeseen events forbid. But I shall
not let November pass without
visiting you. I may perhaps
get a few hours in which to
finish the thalictum paper
while waiting for the Leaflets,
this week.

Yours Faithfully
Edw. L. Greene

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 Nov. 1912.

Dear Dr. Newland..

The week now
ending has been eventful.

I finished and mailed the last
issue of Leaflets on Tuesday.
Having for a week neglected all
else, and being both tired and
somewhat confused in mind,
I fled to the woods for all day,
there, however, pondering what I
should do next. In the morning
I got a written call for the
names of more than 90 Forest
Res. plants that had been with
me for six weeks, unfinished.
That settled an question of
what I should do next. Now,
I must ^{went} ~~wait~~ at other
untouched parcels of that kind
of work. I shall probably get
through that by middle of
next week, and I now feel

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that I must then get up
and get out, to Notre Dame,
in haste, lest more work of that
kind gets in. Once gone, I
will have to wait! Now, however,
for long; for I must not stay
quite a week, if I once
get there. Two days ago

came a renewal of the grant
for Landmarks work, with
also an urgent appeal to
get the copy in Germany,
and a promise that they
will print it at once.

I do not see how I can
finish the ms in the next
three months unless I
drop everything else,
and work at it as many
hours a-day as possible.

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If I get started for the West, it will be with a book to study on the way, and paper & pencil to write history on the train, and after that is, during the few days of my stay, to do still more.

I will try and send, a few days before starting, a statement of what improvements would turn over, and my belongings, to N. D. D. for good. I have even this week had another surprise, in a reminder from Stanford University Calif., that they are waiting the time - now not so distant - when I may be free to come out of her. I must have

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told you sometime, I think,
that soon after the San
Francisco conflagration, that
particular, and rich institution
wrote bespeaking a chance
to bid on my "yords", if
the U. S. did not make
the purchase. They ask
me, for my "lowest
cash price", when the
time comes. I have
given them a rather
evasive answer. I do
not want to go there at
all. This is enough, for
5 days.

Yours Ever
Edw. L. Greene.

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13 Nov. 1912.

Dear Dr. Newland.

It is already
Wednesday, and it seems hardly possible
I should be able to slip away, even at
the end of this week. The Forest Service
bundles are intensely interesting, and
that makes them slow to read, and
the new species I can only determine
to be such, and let them wait.
I can only give a little time to
them each day, because the
Landmarks' Copy must go on.

I should like to start, even to-day, while
the weather is so beautiful!

If a new bundle of stuff
should come in after the rest
are done, I should handle it; but
those so long in waiting must
be finished & reported on.

Yours Ever

Edw. L. Green.

Since I wrote, Dr. Willoughby, I feel sure, has
been to see me. Willoughby has been in Chicago.
I should have seen him.

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MEMORANDUM 20 Nov. 1912.

Dear Dr. Newland..

If you get a parcel or two delivered to you, of specimens, take them for proof of my determination. We then very shortly. The stack of Forest & Mia stuff accumulates, and I shall have it unfinished. I send ahead of me some work of that kind, which I can easily do then; for I must not rest, the few days I am with you.

I am determined to start on Friday, despite all things that may seem to forbid. It will probably be by the early-afternoon B. & O. train, as Fr. Burns advises. Know by these presents that I paid him last night the call I promised you I would make.

Yours Ever

Edw. L. Greene.

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MEMORANDUM 11 Dec. 1912.

Dear Dr. Newland. - I did just one rushing week's work after my return, in effort to make up time, and then all at once I gave out, attacked by what seemed a case of acute indigestion, for the first time in 40 years, I had to go to bed and call a physician, who after remaining an hour, could give no relief for me but by morphine. After 5 days absence, mostly in bed, and with physician calling twice daily, I am here to-day, very weak, but otherwise not at all miserable. But there are indications of a serious derangement of the liver. This, I hope may yield to treatment - without my going to the hospital, or altogether giving up the Landmarks work. I fear there is no chance of my doing the Thelictum paper for you in time for Jan. I have not vigor of mind to undertake any work so trying as that.

Pardon this brevity. I can read and make notes, but must write very little.

Yours Ever

Edw. L. Greene.

13 Dec. 1862

I am writing from a Sanitarium, to tell
you that here is a sort of obituary that
you will be able to put in as a
short paragraph, at end of next
Midland. Let me see proof, however, and
do not have it go in as a formal article.
I shall have more to say of Thomas & all
soon day. I am ~~fe~~ feeling so much
improved to day, that I hope to be at
regular work Monday, Yours, R. L. Green.

Washington, 21 Dec. 1912

Dear Fr. Newland:-

You must excuse the pencil. I am not yet entirely myself again, yet am able to work daily, and usually long hours, too. All possible time goes to "Landmarks", for, on the finishing the volume early depend the possibility of my early arrival at Notre Dame again.

The winter, at this rate, will pass very rapidly, and it will be March before we know it.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Linnell a good afternoon of the Adicea matters you sent him. We must go and see the man some day!

Yours Ever

Edw. L. Greene.