

Urbana, Ill., May 5, 1913.

Prof. W. H. Hobbs,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My dear Professor Hobbs:

Dr. E. O. Hovey of New York informs me in a recent letter that you have returned to this country, and that you have expressed your willingness and desire to assist the Crocker Land Party by every means at your command, to prepare for the study of glaciers and their work.

Accordingly I wish to impose upon your good nature to the extent of asking you to make all the suggestions that occur to you which will be valuable to us in that study, - what problems we may expect to meet, how to proceed in an attempt to solve them, what data to gather, and what references to consult.

I have planned to determine the relative extent of glaciation in the past over the areas we traverse; the direction of its movement, and its effect upon the topography; to study the glaciation now existing with respect to the rate and character of the ice movement; to ascertain the changes in the physical condition and character of the ice constituting the glaciers; to study the glacial phenomena exhibited that may throw light upon some of the



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work that glaciers have done in the past in lower latitudes; and to examine the work in which the glaciers of the region are now engaged. This is a general statement of some of the things I hope to attempt to do.

I shall ask you to feel quite free to make as full and detailed, and definite suggestions as you will. I thank you for your kind interest in our expedition, and in anticipation of your early attention to my request, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

1103 W. Springfield Ave.,
Urbana, Illinois.



Urbana, Ill., May 23, 1913.

Prof. W. H. Hobbs,

Professor of Geology, Univ. of Michigan.

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My dear Professor Hobbs:

I wish to thank you for all the excellent information and important suggestions you have sent me, and for the opportunity to look over the literature you also sent. I have taken upon myself, - because the time is too brief to refer the matter back to you for your permission, - of sending the literature you sent me on to Mr. Fitzhugh Green, Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., who is to our meteorologist, in the hope that he will make good use of it.

I hope that you will arrange to come to Illinois as you anticipate you may, before I leave, to give me an opportunity to talk over with you the glaciology particularly, and if we have time, the meteorology as well.

I remain

Very sincerely yours

1103 W. Springfield Ave.,

Urbana, Illinois.

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May 26, 1913.

Mr. W. Elmer Ekblaw,
1103 West Springfield Ave.,
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Ekblaw:

Yours came this morning, and I am glad you have forwarded the literature to Mr. Greene in Washington. It would be well also, it seems to me, to forward him my letters, since time is short and if anything is to be done he must make immediate arrangements for securing the apparatus. I have no doubt that either the Blue Hill Observatory or the Mount Weather Observatory could supply for the expedition a large part of the necessary apparatus.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Hobbs

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