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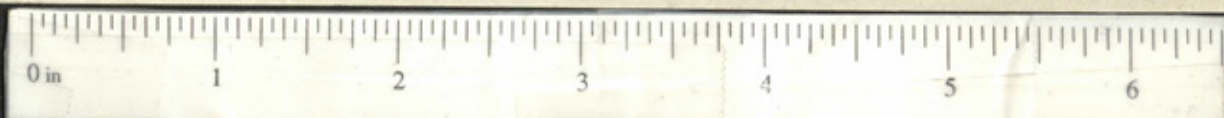
April 29, 1913

Professor H. G. Simmons
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My dear Professor Simmons:

As geologist and botanist to the Crocker Land Expedition which is to leave New York, July 2, for Ellesmereland and neighboring lands, I am desirous of being as ready for botanical work as I can be in the time I have left for preparation. Since in all the literature I have reviewed I find no work so important and well done as yours, I am writing to you for any advice or suggestions you may feel disposed to give me in the way of equipment, plan of work, and attack on perplexing problems I may encounter, and in the matter of collecting and preserving material. Also if it is not too much to ask may I request you to send me such of your publications as you think will be of assistance to me? I shall be glad to pay the postage upon them, and I shall feel honored if you will autograph them.

Though I am an American both my parents were Swedish, and consequently I feel that I can claim a distant kinship to you.



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With sincerest good wishes, and thanking you in
anticipation of your early attention to my request, I remain

Yours very sincerely

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New York, 24 June, 1913.

My dear Dr. Simmons:

I am in receipt of your interesting and helpful letter of the 8th of June, and I wish to thank you for the many suggestions and detailed information you have given me. Your publications which you said you had sent have not arrived as yet, but I trust that they will reach me before we sail.

I assure you that I shall do everything I can toward the completion of the work in botany in your old field, but I feel that where so able a man as you have worked there will be little for his successor to do. I shall follow your suggestions in the exploration of the valley of Lake Hazen and the collection of the rich Algal flora in Smith Sound. I shall also make every effort to visit Foulke Fjord for the purpose of collecting and studying the flora there.

It is my intention that so far as possible I shall give most of my time to ecology and phytogeography, in the hope that I may contribute something of interest to the whole botanical world in this field and supplement by my observations the splendid work in the Arctics of Kjellman, you and other botanists. Also, I have noted your suggestions regarding equipment and geologic data and thank you for them as well.

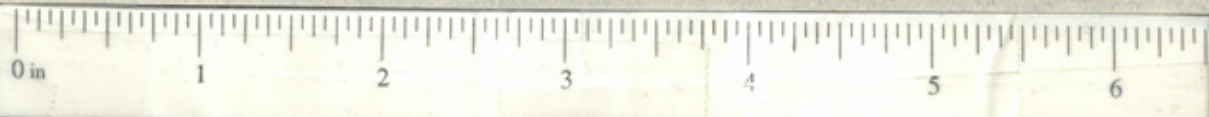
With sincerest regards and deep gratitude for your kindly letter, and trusting that I may see you upon my return, I remain

Your countryman and fellow botanist,

c/o Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.,
New York City.

Dr. H. G. Simmons,
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