

We have lately been entertaining Prof. Hugo Glück, of the Botany Department of the University of Heidelberg. His specialty is water plants. He has gone south for a time but plans to return for more botanizing later.

I am glad to hear of your continued activity, and of your really imposing private herbarium. I am glad also to get word about the Gray Herbarium and the leaders over there. I just had a ~~letter~~ letter from Prof. Fernald the other day giving me his verdict on a lot of *Carex* sps. collected on Orr's Island, Maine.

I am nearing the end of my paper but not of the pleasant messages I would like to send you. Mrs. True, if she had the use of her speech, would send her greetings. I know, and Philip too if he were only here.

So we True's all join in very good wish and kind greetings to an old friend whom we very sincerely prize.

Truly yours,

Rodney D. True

Married Nov 15
Recd. 19

4111 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia,
March 17, 1926.

Our dear Mr. Deane,

We feel a family affection for you that prompts me to write you as ours. Mrs. True and I enjoyed your lovely hospitality in Cambridge days so much that it remains to us still one of the pleasant things of life. You may be sure it was a joy to us all to get your note written about a month ago.

I read it to me dear invalid and to our big boy, both of whom were made happier thereby. I recall with great pleasure the meeting at Washington with the Rose family. They are dear folks. It has been a pleasure to see George from time to time. He lives near here and occasionally stops in for a brief visit. Unfortunately, he does not do so as frequently as we would like to have him. I am much interested in getting his views on life as it is lived these days. He seems to me to be a very right-thinking young man. I am meeting young men daily at the University and I gain great confidence for the future in seeing them and in having to do with them. I believe tremendously in our young people!

One sample is a great joy to us. How six feet

then and eight-tenths inches tall (barefooted) he is a "substantial good" as the poet said. He and I are now about tied in the matter of weight at 170 lbs. He is a Freshman in the University, doing good but hardly brilliant work. He enjoys miting and good poetry appeals to him. He is a pretty good beginning botanist. Sometimes we have a wonderful day or so when we can get together over our Census, we collect these little characters and work them up as we can. Just now, he is pummed by his work - too much I think, for that time of himself ripening that I think our college days ought to be. To day we old men found the day and the youngsters, never the pity, learn to do it too. They lack the leisure that goes with the old work and best result. But live or fagey, I guess.

Any way, he's doing Trigonometry, Ovid, Botany, History of the English Language, American Colonial History, etc.

As for Mrs. True, I wish I could make a better report. About five and a half years ago, I came home one evening and found her helpless. She had suffered a severe stroke all alone

That day changed life for us fundamentally. She sits in her chair much, ^{and} lies in the bed some. She can speak very little and make but a little. Her right arm is doubled up and her hand useless. She is so cut off though inability to converse that we are not sure that we know very much about her now. Well, she does not suffer physically and is sanguine, unselfish and on the face of things hopeful. Of course, this way to spend her days is a fearful disappointment to her and to us all.

At the Botany Department I find much to keep me busy. We have a registration of about 500 in the botany now. I believe - a pretty good sized family. I teach a class of pre-medical beginners and an elementary class of plant physiologists beside six or eight Graduate students working on problems. This with plenty of other work such as falls to the lot of a man in this kind of a place keeps me busy - meetings & address, consultations with students, and a dozen kinds of organizing activities provide me with a pleasant ^{enough} to do with plants, however I regret to say.



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