

then to my first stopping place, Wytheville, Va.;
a night's run from Washington in the beau-
tiful mountain section of S.W. Va.

You may well imagine that I felt
the Gods were good to me to send me to so
heavily a spot after the hammering ex-
periences I had left behind me at Vassar
College. Some time I'll tell you but to-
say ^{on paper} what I think of their President
and the Vassar policies would turn a
hole thru the mail bag.

Fortunately there was a good deal to do at
this place and my stay was one month.
After this delightful change I was in good
time to enter into the swelter of my
southern stationing. I found it only trying in
South Carolina. The station was in the low
flat country 60 mi. inland with never
a breeze from the sea and mosquitos
and ruin of all sorts as plentiful as
in the tropics. I think I had the next
thing to truck fever in the form of "jiggers"
from in South Carolina.

Georgia was more tolerable for I never got

below 1000 ft. elevation. The Tenn. Sta. was in ²
the Smoky Mts. among Mountain whites
once or twice removed, and Louisville was
in the track of civilization again. From
there I went to Washington to report to the
powers that be on my work of the summer.
I had two delightful days there and saw
the President welcome given him by
the City.

Now as to my job during the summer.
It was amphibious, any much along
the line of work at Ithaca for my thesis,
a survey of the pond for the plant and
animal life with especial reference to
their importance in fish culture. I
made plankton barrels, inventoried the
large aquatics, directed fish to determine
their food and worked from this to various
biologic considerations of the pond. For ex-
ample I am able now to tell either
from a survey of the pond or the dis-
section of the fish, or both, to give some
suggestions in the way of plants suitable
for stocking the ponds where bass, bream,
etc. are raised.

I spent this Christmas holidays from Dec. 18 to Jan 5, doing the same kind of thing down in Reosho! Mo., away down in the S.W. part among the foothills of the Ozarks. My return journey was thru Kansas City and I felt very near you as I came on eastward to Chicago.

This year I am spending the major part of my time getting up technique in plant pathology and am doing a little planktonology with - Juday. I am keeping two strings to my bow until I am decided on my next work. I really would like to do work primarily for the Bureau of Fisheries, but it is a poor Bureau running on small appropriations for its numerous activities and I may not be able to do it.

I had but a week at home in Sept. all are well there. I've been very busy here all the fall. The first few weeks I suffered with an ulcerated throat. I am now minus the cough. Then I was scheduled to speak at the Am. Fisheries Soc. meeting in Louisville, Oct. 10, and that was quite an interruption of my work. It would be such a treat to see you, and talk over everything. I don't know, of course,

where I will be next summer, perhaps in²
Washington, or may be "on the road" again.
My friend Miss Prevost of Grouton wrote me
my Christmas card found her "London where
you can will turn up from this year." She
saw me off to Africa on a purchase
notice, and ceases to write at my jour-
neyings hither and yon. If I am within
trailing distance, though, I'll let you know.

I never hear from Alice, and have
had only very remote gleanings in the
way of news from Illinois. I saw Dr. McKim
at Louisville. We had a fine drive around
the parks there and visited along as
best we could in a rather stubborn Ford
car. If I get out again for the Bur. I
will certainly dig up some nymphs for
you.

I had a nice letter from the Cousins
in Switzerland. They are comfortable tho
the need everywhere is very great. They
had just sent some children's clothes
to the pitifully needy Viennese children.