

MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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Dear Viktor

Sorry to hear that Reals does not want a female teaching the night school. I think Lillian actually could do a very good job. However, you have had more experience with her and with the school so you and Reals had better decide the point. I think it is out of the question for you to take the course, with your regular teaching and administrative work. If no other agreement can be reached I can always manage it for you although I would naturally prefer not to. We must get our research work going this year! If it should be decided that I take the thing the conditions are that I get full stipend ( i.e. no teaching for "fees") and have an assistant.

About the day school. I will, of course, be glad to continue in the elementary course. However, I wonder if you do not underestimate Harry. Did you have any reports from the summer school on his teaching? The few lectures I have heard him give lead me to suspect that he is a damned good elementary teacher. I'm sure he needs only a little practice to be as good if not better than Taylor. Also, listing him in some way for the course would help in the draft situation. On the whole, I think the plan you suggest is good, namely that I start the course and then Harry take over for the invertebrates. It may very well be then, that he will turn out to be so good that you will care to turn over to him some more of your lectures the second semester, thus relieving you of some of the load. You really owe it to yourself and to your research program to save as much time as you possibly can from routine teaching. The 102 course we can talk about when I get back.

We need the journal club but I share your sentiments that it should be first semester. We can fill in several afternoons with reports of staff work by ourselves, Sol, Florence, Lindegrin etc. Adaptation would be a good topic for seminar provided the material is at hand I don't know it myself but would be delighted to learn. Evolution theory prior to Darwin would mean too much work for us I am afraid to do a really good job. You are probably the only person who does know anything about it. Just "evolution" does not appeal to me either. There is one topic you did not list that I would like to see carried out as a general seminar under your gentle guidance and that is simply history of embryology. Such a history need not be too far-reaching in scope and I think we could combine your critical views and the existing books with a great deal of profit to the students.

Noby and I stopped work yesterday and are now engaged in packing up. Will be glad to get home and start the year off. I find that I became very fond of St. Louis and our department in one season.

Please give the enclosed card to Sol and ask him to fill it out and send to Wistar. We look forward to seeing you in your new house. Our best to you all.

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