

April 17, 1952

Mr. Alfred Emerson  
5646 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Emerson:

The writer and an associate have for the past year been engaged in a spare time work which has as its purpose the promotion of interest in flowers and plants which in former centuries bore familiar names recalling the Virgin Mary and the Saints.

It has been brought to our attention by Mrs. James A. Field (a family friend), and also by Miss Dorothea K. Harrison, Landscape Architect, Concord, Mass., that Mrs. Emerson undertook some extensive research into the old religious names of plants in the early '30's; and at Mrs. Field's suggestion we are writing you to inquire if her research papers are by any chance still intact and available for examination.

At the bottom of a short list of plants printed in connection with Mrs. Frank R. Lillie's garden of religious plants at Woods Hole, Mass. - which we understand was based on Mrs. Emerson's research - it is stated that some five hundred plants were found named after the Virgin Mary, three hundred and fifty named after the Saints, and about one hundred others of various religious associations.

We will be deeply appreciative of any assistance you can give us in this matter, and we hope you will be able to favor us with an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Stokes Jr.  
901 South 47th Street  
Philadelphia 43, Pa.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO 37 • ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF ZOÖLOGY

April 21, 1952

Dear Mr. Stokes,

I have your letter concerning the plants named for the Virgin Mary and other religious figures that my wife collected some years ago.

I remember well when she made this study under the inspiration of Mrs. Frank R. Lillie.

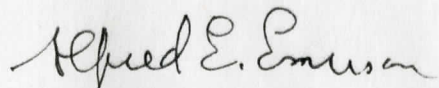
My wife died in 1949. I presume her notes on this subject are among her papers which are now stored in our attic. However, it would take considerable time and effort on my part to dig these out and I am not sure how useful they would be to you if I did. I am very busy with other matters and would not like to assume this undertaking.

I suggest that you write to Mrs. Frank Lillie, 5801 Kenwood Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. I am fairly sure that Mrs. Lillie has the list that Mrs. Emerson made up.

I know the "research" was not very exhaustive. My wife was surprised at the large number that she found in maybe two or three months of work in the libraries while she was doing many other things and also running a small household. At the time she included a number of plants named after the devil also. I remember that Mrs. Lillie did not encourage making up any gardens with flowers named after the devil.

Assuring you of my sympathetic interest and with the hope that Mrs. Lillie can send you the complete list, I am

Sincerely yours,



Alfred E. Emerson,  
Professor of Zoology

April 29, 1962

Mr. Alfred Emerson  
5646 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you for your prompt attention given my letter of April 17th regarding my search for the complete list of 1,000 plants of religious significance which is referred to at the bottom of the shorter list of names printed by Mrs. Lillie in connection with her garden at Woods Hole, Mass.

We regret, however, that we have already written Mrs. Lillie a number of times, and don't seem to be able to get to her. After following up several letters last year with a long distance telephone call from Philadelphia, we did receive three copies of the shorter list accompanied by a note from Mrs. Lillie's nurse informing us that "Mrs Lillie is an elderly 82 year old lady and does not write letters except to her daughters . . . with difficulty". Also, over the telephone Mrs. Lillie did not seem to be able to get at her papers herself. (Perhaps they are in the attic too.) And from what she said, it appeared that her nurse simply did not deliver our previous letters.

Under these circumstances, it occurred to us that a brief inquiry at Mrs. Lillie's home by someone living close by, such as yourself, might clarify the whole matter. We would be deeply appreciative if you could do such a favor for us. Or perhaps you could suggest another approach to this problem which we could make ourselves. Perhaps the University researchers have developed techniques for handling such situations in obtaining valuable documents.

Finally, if you have reason to believe that the longer list was simply some sort of guess on Mrs. Lillie's part (which we doubt, both from the specific categories <sup>mentioned</sup> into which it is broken down (500 - 200 - 150) and from the fact that it was printed and made available to the public, who would of course ask about it) we would like to know this too.

With apologies for troubling you about this matter, yet with hopes that you can help us further, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John S. Stokes Jr.  
9603 Meadowbrook La.

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOÖLOGY

May 7, 1952


John S. Stokes Jr.,  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane,  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stokes,

I am sorry that Mrs. Lillie is unable to search her belongings for the list of plants of religious significance prepared by my wife. However, I do not feel that I should personally make the attempt to find this list in Mrs. Lillie's house.

There is still a chance that I can find it among my wife's things left after her death. I shall make the attempt, but do not wish to make any promises of either finding the list or time. I am very busy on some rather crucial matters that take precedence, but I shall at least make a quick survey to see what I can find. A long sorting of all my wife's files would be a large undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

  
Alfred E. Emerson

May 19, 1952

Mr. Alfred Emerson  
5646 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thanks for yours of May 7th offering to do what you can towards locating Mrs. Lillie's list of some 1,000 flowers of religious significance among your wife's things.

From what we have been able to learn, the original research for Mrs. Lillie's garden was conducted in the late 20's and early 30's. The 1932 list of some 100 flowers which we have was apparently the result of that original research. The mention of the 1,000 or so flowers is made at the bottom of a later, 1937 list of Mrs. Lillie's. From this we can infer that the larger number of flowers was uncovered by supplementary research done between 1932 and 1937, . . . . after the original research. I mention this in case the pinning down of the years in question might simplify your search.

In accordance with your suggestion made in your first letter, we have approached Mrs. Lillie's household directly again; but with negative results. Mrs. Lillie's present Registered Nurse, one Miss McCullough, has been in the house only 7 years (since 1945) and therefore was not on the scene during the period when Mrs. Lillie herself was still able to continue an active interest in this gardening work. All she can tell us is that she does not know of any correspondence, lists or other papers - aside from the shorter printed lists - relating to this work. This report confirms that made to us by Miss Dorothea Harrison of Concord, Mass., who made the actual layout for Mrs. Lillie's garden in 1932, that the research work was carried on not by Mrs. Lillie but by your wife.

We are most appreciative of your prompt attention given our letters to you, and while we fully appreciate the unusualness of our request and the trouble it entails for you we do hope that you can oblige us.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Stokes Jr.  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

enclosure

July 17, 1952

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Last weekend, during a visit to Mrs. Lillie's "Garden of Our Lady" at Woods Hole, I had an opportunity to talk to Miss Harrison about the list of flowers of religious significance compiled by Mrs. Emerson.

Miss Harrison recalled that a good number of the flowers and names were mentioned or listed in the manuscript of her book, which I understand was never published.

I pass this on to you in case it may be helpful in leading you to the list.

I found Mrs. Lillie's Garden and Bell Tower in excellent shape, under the supervision of the distinguished horticulturalist, Mr. Wilfred Wheeler of Falmouth, Mrs. Lillie's brother-in-law. During a meeting at the Garden, Miss Harrison and Mr. Wheeler agreed to restore to the planting a larger number of flowers unearthed by Mrs. Emerson's research . . . the original planting having been destroyed by the 1938 and 1944 hurricanes.

Sincerely yours,

9503 Meadowbrook La.  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

# The University of Chicago

CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

Department of Zoölogy

July 21, 1952

Dear Mr. Stokes,

Thank you for the information and clipping about the  
"Garden of Our Lady" at Woods Hole.

I am delighted to learn that Miss Harrison kept a  
list of flowers compiled by Mrs. Emerson of religious significance.  
It is a pleasure to know that the work my wife put into this project  
is not lost and that it has born such fruits.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alfred E. Emerson*

Alfred E. Emerson,  
Professor of Zoology

August 6, 1952

Dear Mr. Emerson,

Thanks for your note of July 21st.

Yes, the Woods Hole "Garden of Our Lady" has kept the fruits of Mrs. Emerson's research from being lost. Anyone who drives around Woods Hole will be attracted by Mrs. Lillie's Bell Tower, and once they enter the Tower grounds they immediately see the Garden (see enclosed transparencies). It is our hope that when the planned restoration of more "Flowers of Our Lady" to the Garden is made next spring, a small, attractive notice or plaque will be restored also . . . giving the old flower names, and explaining to visitors the story behind the Garden, including mention of the contributions made to it by Mrs. Emerson, Miss Harrison and Mr. Wheeler.

I should mention that the interest in this Garden and the idea behind it is horticultural, as well as religious. Mr. Daniel Foley of Boston, Editor of HORTICULTURE - the oldest and most distinguished horticultural magazine in the U.S. - is working on an article on the "Mary Garden" subject, and it is entirely possible that a considerable interest in those beautiful medieval gardens might be created among gardeners and horticulturalists generally. Mr. Foley has asked me for all possible information I can supply about the Woods Hole Garden and on the subject generally. It could very well be that Mrs. Emerson's manuscript, lists and research notes would be of great value at this time. (The list of flowers copied from Mrs. Emerson's manuscript by Miss Harrison was very fragmentary . . . including only some 30 or 40 names out of the almost 1,000 which are referred to as having been found.)

I assure you that any of Mrs. Emerson's materials made available would be used in a most proper manner . . . subject to your prior examination and approval; and I will gladly pay the expense of any photostats, transcripts etc. which may be necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

9503 Meadowbrook La.  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOÖLOGY

December 29, 1952

Mr. John S. Stoker, Jr.,  
Meadowbrook Lane,  
Chestnut Hill,  
Pennsylvania.

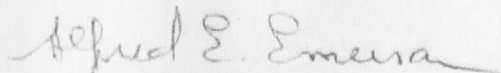
Dear Mr. Stoker,

I wish I might see you when you visit Chicago. However, I am unable to clear January 3d. My wife has been in a hospital for some months and I am bringing her home on that day for a short visit and must take her back to the hospital either on that day or the next day. I must therefore not make any engagements that would interfere with doing everything for her that I can.

I do wish, however, that you would call me at my house at 5646 Kenwood Ave. The telephone number is HYde Park 3 - 9774. I shall probably be there around noon and early afternoon and it might be that I could arrange for a brief visit with you after I see how matters are going with my wife. If you see Mrs. Frank Lillie, our house is only about a block away.

The progress of the gardens with religious symbolization is pleasing to me in view of the interest taken in this matter by my first wife. I know she would have been gratified. I still think that I may come across her research work in due time, but the job of digging it out would take many hours with problematical results. I am expecting to move out of our present house this spring, however, and during the move I shall pay particular attention to a search for the material on the flowers named after the Vrgin Mary.

Very cordially yours,



Alfred E. Emerson

P.S. My sister, Edith Emerson, and her colleague, Violet Oakley, live near Mt. Airy not far from you. Their home is on St. George's Road near Allen Lane and the house is called Lower Cogslea. Both ladies have been much interested in religious paintings and murals for years and I am sure that you would find much of interest and common viewpoints if you became acquainted. A visit to their studio is a stimulating experience.

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April 5, 1954

John S. Stokes Jr.,  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane,  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stokes,

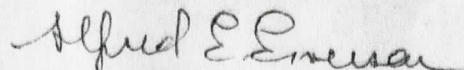
This is a copy of a letter I am sending with this mail to Mary's Gardens, 901 South 47th St., Philadelphia 43, Pa. I thought I had better send two in case one of the addresses has been changed since I last communicated with you.

At last I have found the notes and MS on the original compilation of sacred plants made by my wife, Winifred Jelliffe Emerson, back in the 1930's. This was the work she did for Mrs. Frank Lillie who, I believe, made the first Mary's Garden at Woods Hole.

I should be glad to send this MS together with the notes complete to you or your organization if you still wish it.

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Very sincerely yours,



Alfred E. Emerson,  
Professor of Zoology

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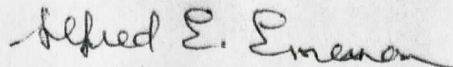
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Very sincerely yours,



Alfred E. Emerson,  
Professor of Zoology

P.S. I am sending a note to 9503 Meadowbrook Lane also just in case the above address has been changed.

John S. Stokes Jr.  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.  
April 7, 1954

Mr. Alfred E. Emerson  
Professor of Zoology  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 5th . . . and for your care in sending two copies, both of which I received.

Needless to say I am overjoyed that you have been able to locate the late Mrs. Emerson's notes and MS on the original compilation of sacred plants in the 1930's. As our Mary's Gardens work is a development and furthering of the idea behind Mrs. Lillie's original Mary Garden at Woods Hole, we have been ever hopeful that the original research material would turn up. My Mary's Gardens associate, Mr. McTague, and I are deeply grateful to you for keeping our quest in mind and for persevering in your search.

I request that you send the MS and notes to me at the Meadowbrook Lane address given above. As we are presently in the midst of mailing out seeds etc. for the spring season, it will probably be a month or so before we will be able to complete the careful study which the material deserves. I hope you will let us keep the material that long. After we have made complete notes from it we will then return it to you ~~intact~~. If we should wish to use any of the material in any future articles or books of our own we would of course write you for your approval and permission.

The occurrence of the 1954 Packaging Show in Atlantic City this week reminds me that it was just this time last year, when the show was held in Chicago, that I had the pleasure of talking with you over the telephone. I hope this finds you well, and that Mrs. Emerson is feeling better after her illness of a year ago.

With heartfelt thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John S. Stokes Jr.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO 37 • ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF ZOÖLOGY

April 9, 1954

Mr. John S. Stokes Jr.,  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane,  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stokes,

I am sending the complete notes and MS of sacred plants compiled by Mrs. Winifred Jelliffe Emerson in the early 1930's. The entire material is an unconditional gift to you as explained in the letter to you in the package.

I am glad to perform this service to you in view of your long interest and use of this type of material, and I feel sure that Mrs. Emerson would have wished her work to come into such hands.

I am glad to tell you that my present wife, Eleanor Fish Emerson, is quite well and has been so now for over a year. As I have already indicated, we are moving out of our house into a small apartment and are sorting out large accumulations of things from our attic, among which I found the notes on sacred plants.

Please keep in touch with me from time to time as the occasion arises, and remember me to Violet Oakley and my sister Edith Emerson if you happen to see them again soon.

Very cordially yours,

*Alfred E. Emerson*

Alfred E. Emerson

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

April 9, 1954

Mr. John S. Stokes Jr.,  
9503 Meadowbrook Lane,  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Mr. Stokes,

Enclosed are the complete notes and MS of sacred plants compiled by my wife, Winifred Jelliffe Emerson in the early 1930's. I remember that she <sup>was</sup> worked for a couple of months in the various libraries of Chicago on this project. Mrs. Frank Lillie had stimulated her interest in such a list.

I wish you to keep these notes and MS permanently, and I am sure that my wife who died in September, 1949, would have wished me to leave this list in such capable and interested hands. You may use them in any way you choose for either notes or card files or for incorporation in part in any publication you may contemplate. I do desire to have my wife's name perpetuated in such constructive work, however, so I hope you may find an opportunity to give her name in proper historical perspective if any of her work is used in publication. I am sure that you would do this without my suggestion. Also, in case of publication, I hope that you would let me have a copy for our family remembrance.

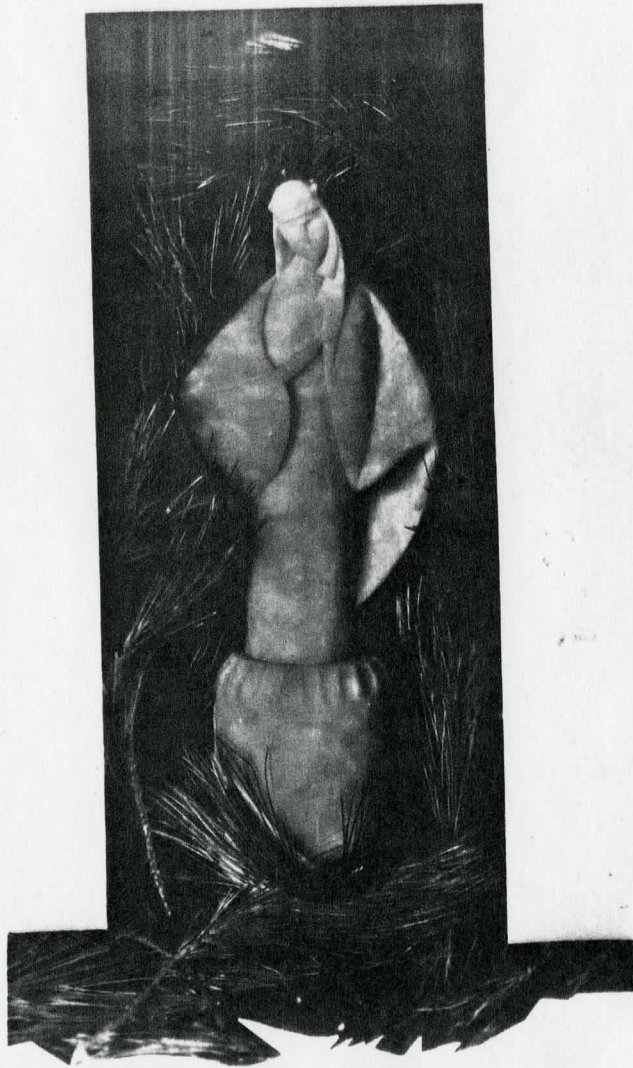
You are, of course, also at liberty to give these notes to anyone else who might find a use for them at your discretion, or to dispose of any useless portions you may care to.

You have shown such a courteous and kindly interest in this undertaking that I have complete confidence that I am placing these notes in good hands.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alfred E. Emerson*

Alfred E. Emerson,  
Professor of Zoology



This photograph of a miniature Madonna — either a prototype or replica of the V.M.S. Itannell Madonna of the Garden of Our Lady, Woodr Hole, — was included with the Emerson research files — as was a November 2, 1936 letter from Miss Itarrisol to Mrs. Lillie, and copies of the 1932 and 1937 Garden plant lists.

Mrs. Frank R. Lillie  
5801 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

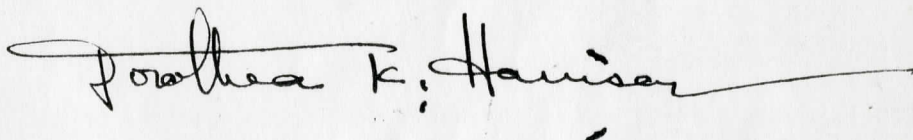
November 2, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Lillie:

The other day I was looking up some weeds in an English book which treated the subject very thoroughly even to listing all the common names. On looking them over I found several with a religious name which I thought you and Mrs. Emerson might like to have to add to your lists. I am enclosing a copy, Mrs. Emerson's copy I am mailing directly to her.

You will find also the bill for the summer's work.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothea K. Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Religious Names of Weeds from Brenchley, Winifred E., Weeds of Farmland, London, Longmans, Green, 1920 Ch. XIII, Popular and Local Names of Weeds.

<i>Alchemilla arvensis</i>	- Lady's mantle
<i>Anthylla vulneraria</i>	- Lady's fingers
<i>Briza media</i>	- Lady's hair
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	- Lady's purse
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	- Lady's Cushion
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	- Our Lord's flannel or Our Saviour's flannel
<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	- Gad's fingers and thumbs
<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i>	- Holyrope
<i>Galium verum</i>	- Our Lady's bedstraw
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	- Archangel
<i>Lizula campestris</i>	- God's Grace, Good Friday Grass
<i>Orchis mascula</i>	- Lady's fingers
<i>Orobanche major</i>	- Our Lady of New Chapel's flower
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	- Rogation flower
<i>Primula veris</i>	- Lady's Keys
<i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	- St. Anthony's turnip
<i>Scabiosa arvensis</i>	- Lady's Cushion
<i>Scandex pecten</i>	- Lady's comb
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	- St. James' wort
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	- St. Mary's seed
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	- Lady's thimble

November 2, 1936.

## St. Joseph's Church

WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

### ST. JOSEPH'S BELLS

The large bell is named

MENDEL

Its inscription reads

I WILL TEACH YOU OF LIFE—AND OF LIFE ETERNAL

The smaller bell is named

PASTEUR

Its inscription reads

THANKS BE TO GOD

1929

*The Angelus to be said morning, noon, and night with the bells to put us in mind that God became man for our salvation.*

1. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.  
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of  
our death. Amen.
  2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.  
Hail Mary, etc.
  3. And the Word was made Flesh;  
And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary, etc.
- V. Pray for us. O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### LET US PRAY

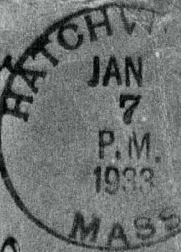
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into  
our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy  
Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by  
His passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His  
Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. And  
may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace. Amen.

[PLEASE TAKE AWAY IF DESIRED]

St. Joseph's Church Angelus Card  
included with Emerson Research file.

From  
Mrs Wilfred Wheeler  
Hatchville  
Mass



Returned for above cents  
additional postage: 11¢  
P.L. on 5th  
June 11/34

Mrs. Alfred Emerson  
5527 University Avenue  
Chicago

Mailing envelope for Judith Smith's The  
Mary Calendar, included with Emerson research  
file

*Limited Edition of 240 copies  
on Batchelor hand-made paper  
Number 24.*

THE  
**MARY**  
CALENDAR



BY JUDITH SMITH,  
ENGRAVINGS BY M.DUDLEY  
SHORT, PRINTED BY HAND  
AT ST DOMINIC'S PRESS,  
DITCHLING. A.D. MCMXXX.

## JANUARY

**T**HE INCARNATION is the central fact in the history of mankind and in the life of a Christian, therefore the Church commemorates it continually in Angelus and Ave. To the piety of our forefathers the sweetness of the Manger at Bethlehem permeated the year ; in every walk abroad their intuitive devotion carried out the intention of the Church, and they saw everywhere signs and symbols of the presence of God-made-Man and of his holy Mother. Every field path and hedgerow became an illuminated Book of Hours. There is some flower or leaf or berry in each month of the year to which was assigned some holy association or lovely



*Christmas Rose*

legend. This is especially the case with the wild flowers of summer, many of which were thought of as being among the manger hay. Those who love to *look through nature up to nature's God* might well make a collection of these and dry them in readiness for the Christmas Crib.

The CHRISTMAS ROSE, *Helleborus Niger*, is a native of southern Europe which has long been cultivated in England. It is found in most gardens. It is called the *Holy Night Rose*, *Rose of Noel* and *Christ's Bloom*. Old pictures and mystery plays frequently introduced these lovely blossoms, for a charming legend was attached to them.

A shepherd girl named Madelon

followed the Shepherds of Bethlehem to the manger. She was very poor and had nothing to offer to the Child, which distressed her greatly. God had pity on her and sent the Angel Gabriel to console her. *Why do you weep?* he asked. *Because I have nothing to give to the Baby and his Mother,* she answered. Then the Angel took her by the hand and led her outside the cave where he touched the frozen ground with his staff, and immediately there sprang up the exquisite blossoms of the Christmas Rose.

The WINTER ACONITE, *Eranthis hyemalis*, is sometimes called *The Christmas Flower*. It grows very freely in shrubberies

and gardens; it is sometimes found in woods, semi-wild. It was introduced into England from Italy in the sixteenth century.



9503 Meadowbrook La.  
Philadelphia 18, Pa.  
April 19, 1954

Mr. Alfred E. Emerson  
Professor of Zoology  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Emerson,

My Mary's Gardens associate, Mr. McTague, and I were indeed overjoyed to receive the manuscript and notes on religious plant symbolism. It's abundant new material will contribute substantial breadth and depth to our work, and the careful scholarship and bibliographical references will give it a documented historical authority which is much more complete than anything we have assembled hitherto.

A special joy was the little book, "The Mary Calendar", which was enclosed with the other materials. It would appear that this book contributed materially to Mrs. Lillie's original interest in this subject, and therefore is a great help to us in placing the entire Chicago - Woods Hole project in its true historical perspective.

I am especially grateful for your unconditional placing of this material in my care permanently, and I assure you that it will be protected in our files together with the Mary's Gardens source material and documentation assembled hitherto. It will be of immediate use to us by way of leading us to new plant materials within the scope of our project; and it is our hope that in the next year or so we will be able to publish a book on our work, which would incorporate Mrs. Emerson's manuscript and documentation as central to the section on research. Out of our profound appreciation we would of course perpetuate Mrs. Emerson's name, in proper historical perspective, and we would be most happy, if our hope of composition and publication comes true, to let you have some copies.

With heartfelt thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John S. Stokes Jr.

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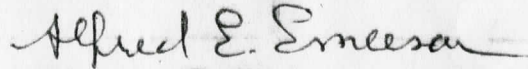
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