Randolph, N. H.
August 13, 1933

Dear Fran:

We have been working so hard that there has been little vacationing yet but things are now shaping up so that I hope to take some "leave" soon. The 65 plates of the Cretaceous are mounted in final form, lettered, pho'tod and all but a few that have to have a few of the figures used in the September Contributions are in Washington safely which relieves my mind greatly.

We had to go down to Boston for Miss Minns' funeral a week ago and took down one batch of carton copy of Ms. and more is going by mail today. That too is a relief. All the charted numbers have all been relisted and are on the Ms. in order and the Ms. is all completed except the introduction and the distribution charts which will take but a short time.

Patty is now the one who has it all in her lap and it is a big job of typing but she is already nearly half through. It has been very easy to work here with very few interruptions, no phone, no one coming in to take up time with looking up things, no students, and so forth. It has really been ideal for work. We have had wonderfully long days, the earlier part when one could be in the woods until nine or nine-thirty B. S. T. So we could have an early supper and go fishing. Several hundred trout have thus come our way and we have had time to climb to the top of the Presidentials a couple of times and lesser places off and on.

It doesn't seem possible that we have been here two months.

Now I am getting the September Contributions ready and Patty is just now finishing the Calamina paper to send you. I cannot make up the plates until Ann sends me nine more drawings I need and the Cretaceous paper comes back from Washington with official approval for publication.

Ann things she may go back to school this fall for another year and I think it is a good idea. I have a letter from a girl at Columbia that did Coryell's drawings who has her work for a Ph.D. nearly done, draws and has had art school work, paleo. and types. I may try her out this fall unless she gets something else meanwhile.

By the way the appropriation for assistance, the same as last year, was approved before Mr. Reese left for the West.

Your boat sounds good and you must be having a lot of fun.

The description of Myer's expositions sounds good. A new paper by Le Calvé gives fine plates of the detailed life history of several Forams with flagellated zoosporae and chromidia doing normal stunts. Why hasn't Myers found them? It always has seemed to me that he had only half the story and this paper seems to look very much so. I would like to know what Prof. Calkins thinks
about this paper of Le Calvez'.

You can send back the Ms. as soon as you have looked it over, with your comments.

Your letter did not mention your father so I hope it means he is better. We all hope so.

When you go mountain climbing swing around this way and see us.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jos. A. Cushman

JAC: E
Sept. 3, 1938

Dear Dr. Cushman:

I have been wondering a bit when you expect to be opening things up again in Sharon. It doesn't actually make any particular difference to me except that I would like to have some vague idea of where I am going to be at any given time. I expect to be down here until about the 25th anyway.

I am getting on pretty well with the lines - have all the picking out done, thank goodness, and what might be called the first preliminary survey about half done. But gosh the more I see of the thing the bigger the job looms!

The weather down here now is perfectly gorgeous and it seems almost criminal to spend the best part of the day bowed down in worship over a microscope.

My best love to everybody,
Randolph, N. H.,
September 13, 1938

Miss Frances L. Parker
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

Dear Fran:

At present I expect we shall get back to Sharon October 18th. That is subject to all sorts of changes due to various unpredictable things at present.

We are working at present on the Cretaceous Survey manuscript. All the plates are done and in final form, most of them in Washington safely, and the last lot going today I expect. That will be a load off my mind.

The manuscript is all done but the introduction and the condensed distribution charts which are simple. The typing is proceeding so that it will be done some day and I can think of other things. In spite of all the work we have managed to do considerable climbing, fishing, etc., and hope to do more especially if this wonderful weather holds. It has been exceptionally fine lately, four cloudless days in succession.

Believe it or not I have looked through the microscope only one day since we left Sharon and sent the others back last week, keeping only one here. There is so much to do -- reading typed manuscript, etc., that there is no time for anything else.

Miss Jordan expects to be at the lab. this fall and part of the winter finishing up her thesis. Just who will be out from Cambridge, I do not know as yet. Ann talked of going back to school but I guess has decided to keep on at work at present. I imagine she is doing some work for Phleger.

The fall color is beginning to come and I think will be especially fine this year due to all the rain and heavy foliage. Hope you are coming by this way before we leave.

With best wishes from us all,

Sincerely yours,

Jos. A. Cushman

JAC: E

Hello!
August 16, 1940.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Miss Frances L. Parker has been a member of the staff of this Laboratory for more than ten years, doing scientific research work. In this she has done much clerical work, particularly in the line of typing manuscripts and card cataloging work in which accuracy is an essential feature. Her work has been such as to necessitate individual judgment and personal working out of problems. In these lines her work has been excellent. I am sure that she can be trusted with any type of work in which these qualities are essential.

Joseph A. Cushman.

JAC:RT
November 9, 1942.

Dear Fran:

We have been so busy trying to get a report done to send to Washington that we have let all other things slide.

Ann Shepard has been visiting her folks here, and I have seen her once or twice. I think it is very doubtful if she could do any drawings at present. She has been living near Bath, Maine, but I understand that Mr. Greene has been moved down to one of the shipyards in East Boston, and that she will now live there for the present.

We have a coal stove in addition to the air-tight one in the steel room. We tried it first in your old room, but could not get the heat around to the thermostat in Alice’s room, and have not moved it to the middle of the bigger room next to the thermostat room, and it is much more efficient. We have used no oil at all yet, though the tank out-of-doors is full. We will only use it in cold weather. By putting on overcoats, we can photograph, and are using the electric heater equipped with a fan, and an electric pad underneath the developing tray. It is a test of ingenuity. Nevertheless we are doing a lot of work. Cutting and saving wood gives us all plenty of exercise. Mrs. Cushman has a bicycle, and does the errands and shopping on that, so that we aren’t using up tires very fast.

I don’t know what lenses you used in the photographing. Can you check up a specimen with one of the films, and get it from that.

We expect to be right on the job during the Christmas season, and so if you are around here, we will all be glad to see you.

With best regards from us all,

JAC/AEC.          Joseph A. Cushman.
March 3, 1943.

Miss Frances L. Parker,
Foxcroft School,
Middleburg, Virginia.

Dear Fran:

I have your letter in regard to the position with Shell. I understood the other day from a telephone conversation with Lehee, that you were already down on the Gulf Coast, so I am glad to get straightened out on that.

When Dr. Atkins telegraphed me some time ago asking for names for positions, I sent yours in as the only one I knew of who could fill the kind of job he wanted from what I could make out, and I have heard nothing more about it.

As far as next summer is concerned, of course we are all in the air. Just now there doesn't seem to be any likelihood of our being able to go to our place in Kendoloh this summer, and I am planning to have a still bigger garden than last year and to do a lot of canning, so I imagine we will be tied down here. We would all like to go to New Hampshire at least for one trip to see that things are all right and to bring some things that we didn't bring last year. Of course I would be much better physically if I had a diet of brook trout for a week, so say nothing of a few days in the Presidents, but I can see that those things do not go very far toward helping to win the war so I think we will simply push them into the background.

We should not have any heating problems in July such as we are having now and I am sure your old room would be free for your occupancy. It would be certainly fine to have the Boulinimes straightened out from their present chaotic condition. I had to look up something the other day and didn't dare to go very far with them. So as far as it looks at present I think it is fairly safe to figure that we will be here.

I know Dr. Atkins fairly well but have not seen him now for a good many years. You can keep in touch with us and let us know how things progress, and I think it is safe to plan on coming if the company lets you off that long.

Best regards from us all.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Cushman.
August 17, 1948.

Miss Frances L. Parker,
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution,
Woods Hole, Mass.

Dear Fran:

I have your letter this morning and am a little doubtful yet as to the time we shall really open up the Laboratory. We have people who want to come from the Argentine, Ecuador, Venezuela, Trinidad, etc. The only difficulty is I do not know when I shall be feeling up to full time work. I am at last getting over the effects of seven weeks of X-ray treatments which ended a month ago. I have to go in for more X-ray pictures and another examination by the surgeon on the 14th of September. I hope by the beginning of the next week that I shall be in some sort of shape. In October I shall have to go back into the hospital for a complete examination but I do not think that will take many days before I am back.

Meanwhile I do not know what Rita's schedule is but if she wants to start work again on the 20th of September I think we can plan to call it that we shall be open from then on.

So far, all the reports from the surgeon and so on have been quite favorable and I hope that this difficulty is going to be wiped out as a result of all this circus that I have gone through.

So if you will contact Rita and she wants to start work on the 20th, I think, unless something else comes up, that we can plan on that date.

Best regards to you, Fred, and Rita.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Guzman.
August 16, 1948

Dear Dr. Cushman,

I hear that you didn't go to N. H. because you weren't feeling well. I certainly do hope that your letter next - I was awfully sorry to learn about it.

Fred + I are wondering if I could do some more work at the lab this fall. More species to be identified seem to have cropped up - maybe 2-3 weeks headache. I was wondering when you were planning to be open for business + if you'd mind my coming.

We have had a fine summer down here + I have enjoyed my little house. Fred + I have played many a tennis. I expect to go back to Ambert Sept. 1st but I expect to stay on + go to Ambert if possible after season.
Dear Dr. Churchill:

I have just accepted the position with Shell and am at present in a most horrid state of funk! But it does sound nice & I love heat.

I have written them that I should like to put off starting until the 1st of August on the plea that I should like to come & do some work at the lab for a couple of weeks (the 1st 2 or maybe even 3) in July which was rather cheeky of me considering I hadn't asked you if I could. Do you think it would be possible & not too much of a pest?

I should like - among other things - to sharpen out the Prolimenas a bit & get the lophyke specimens of them you send us.
have + didn’t have time to mount. I should also like to catch up with what’s been going on lately + be sure I know the difference between a Retulux + a Rodocame. Of course the company may say I have to come sooner but they seem to have left it up to me + I told them in the beginning I didn’t want to start work before then. I certainly do hope you + they will say ‘yes’ because I think I shall trust otherwise!

Do you know Dr. Adkins? He sounds nice in his letters. Told me that Houston was “warmer + rather humid in summer”.

Give my love to Miss L. + Alice + Ruth + for Pete’s sake give your poor puppet some moral support.

Sincerely

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