

THE ALPINE
Ulster Group.



GARDEN SOCIETY

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December 18. 1961

Dear Mr Archibald

I was personally most interested to receive your circular about your proposed plant collecting trip to Cooica next Spring, and wrote at once! Would you consider a trip to Belfast in the early autumn of 1962 to tell the members of this AGS Group about it? We would pay your travelling expenses and provide hospitality during your visit.

Our autumn and winter meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month, and if my suggestion appeals to

you would you consider 10th October or 11th November. We would very much like to meet you and I think you would enjoy a day or two with us.

If mid-week is impossible for you, we can sometimes fix a Saturday night lecture, but members don't much like that night - there are so many other things to conflict.

Yours sincerely,

Norah K. Lonsdale.

Hon. Local Secretary

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2nd January, 1962.

Dear Mr. Archibald,

It was very pleasant in this grim winter weather to receive your letter and read about your plans for the Corsican trip.

Wasn't it Pitt the Younger who became Prime Minister of England at the mature age of 24! To be frank, I thought you were in that age-group and I am quite delighted, as is my Committee, to know that you are free to accept our invitation to come and visit us next autumn. Your hostess will be Mrs. K. Pringle and much nearer the time of your visit she will write to you; you can be assured of an easy and pleasant time while you are her guest.

It is very fortunate that the suggested date - 10th October, 1962 - fits in so well with your plans. Do you plan to teach when you have graduated? Whatever your main job, we shall look forward to the articles I am sure you will send to horticultural papers.

Mr. Evans (of the R.B.G.) visited us last Spring and found it convenient to travel to Belfast by the Glasgow steamer; you may wish to come by air and if that suits you better please do so. Please make your own bookings and we will reimburse you, or if you prefer it I will send a cheque when you let me know what you have settled to do. I am assuming you will wish to return on the night of 11th October and we

plan some garden visits for you to fit in with your dates. The lecture will be on the Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and Mrs. Pringle will see that you have time for reflection that evening!

With every good wish for 1962 - it looks like being an eventful year for you!

Yours sincerely,

Morah K. Lousdals.

James C. Archibald, Esq.,

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Before this freeze-up I had *Tecophilea cyanococcus* nicely up - I am afraid to think what the Thaw will reveal.



September 25. 1962 ✓

Dear Mr Archibald

I know Mrs Pringle has been in touch with you about your forthcoming visit. We are all looking forward to meeting you, and to your lecture, and hope you will enjoy yourself and soon feel you are amongst friends.

In one of your letters you enquired if we ever held a Plant auction, offering, if we did, to bring an oddment. We do do this finding the proceeds a considerable help,

so, if you do find something to bring we shall be most grateful.

Your lecture is at 8 pm. and your chairman, Dr William Lennon. Afterwards we adjourn for coffee when you will have the opportunity of meeting members.

All good wishes

Yours sincerely

Norah Lonsdale.

Some of my Corsican bulbs are coming up - much to my delight!