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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you for your very helpful letter of the 13th. I have written to Professor Keitt to-day outlining my thesis studies. If I am fortunate enough to come to Madison I shall be delighted to take up your kind invitation to seminars and discussions.

I am arranging for Professor Keith to receive letters of reference from Dr. Lewis and Professor C.T. Ingold, under whom I studied at College, and have asked them to write to you too.

With regard to the smuts, I do know David Perkins' work on <u>U. maydis</u>. I have corresponded with him several times. My intention was to work with the anther smuts of <u>Melandrium album</u> and <u>M. rubrum</u> (<u>U. violacea</u>). I have the two <u>Melandriums</u> and their hybrid but have not yet worked with the smuts although I have material of both types.

I shall certainly get in touch with Dr. Paul Allen and am glad you mentioned him.

Thank you once more,

Yours sincerely.

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