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Westminster, S.W.1.

10th September, 1969.

Dear Mr. Mooney,

My colleagues on the R.H.S. Council and myself were deeply appreciative of the thought which prompted your Society to send us that Scroll commemorating and paying tribute to our work, primarily on lilies but also more generally.

The wording was most felicitous, indeed flattering, to us, and we greatly value both the tone of the message and the fact that you commend our work.

We shall reproduce the Scroll in our Journal but as of necessity that would be on a very small scale we shall also print in ordinary type in the same number the wording on the Scroll.

Thank you very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Robert Mooney,
President,
The North American Lily Society Inc.,
CLEVELAND, Ohio.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY, INC.

A Society to Promote the Culture of Lilies in North America

On the occasion of the Fourth International Lily Congress, the North American Lily Society wishes to recognize the achievements of the Royal Horticultural Society in promoting all phases of the culture of the genus Lilium.

In particular our Society wishes to recognize the efforts of the Royal Horticultural Society in:

- (a) supporting the work of plant explorers such as Reginald Farrer and F. Kingdon-Ward whose discoveries have enhanced the gardens of lily lovers;
- (b) organizing shows, exhibitions, and conferences on lily culture;
- (c) testing new lily cultivars when they are introduced;
- (d) granting awards to lilies of merit and thus encouraging hybridizers to continue in their efforts to produce finer lilies;
- (e) compiling The International Lily Register, thereby bringing order into the naming of lily cultivars;
- (f) establishing a Lily Committee out of which grew in 1933 the Lily Group whose efforts in all phases of lily culture have been preeminent in the lily world;
- (g) publishing, from 1932 to the present time, the Lily Year Book, the articles of which are a source of never-ending joy not only to the experienced professional but also to the beginner;
- (h) sponsoring the publication of books on lilies, such as Part VIII and Part IX of A Supplement to Elwes' Monograph of the Genus Lilium.

As a specialist society devoted to the cultivation and appreciation of only one genus, the lily, our Society is prone to emphasize the contributions of the Royal Horticultural Society to lilies. We do commend, however, the great efforts of the Royal Horticultural Society in all phases of horticulture. The plant lovers of the world are richer for the efforts of your Society.



Robert M. M. M. M.
PRESIDENT

Reggie A. Hicken
SECRETARY

Passed at Cleveland, Ohio,
the 12th day of July, 1969.