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Dear Fellow-Members:

This has been a strange and eventful year, not only for our country and the world, but for The American Malacological Union.

Following close on the decision to cancel annual meetings for the duration, with resulting disappointment to many, came the death, on May 7, of our beloved President, Frank Collins Baker, after a major operation.

Those of us who had the pleasure of his delightful companionship on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Union in August of last year will long cherish the memory of his friendly smile and never-failing enthusiasm. The Union has lost, in him, a valued member and officer, and malacology a conscientious and tireless taxonomist whose place cannot soon be filled.

Dr. Louise M. Perry, elected Vice-President at the last meeting, succeeds to the presidency. The Union is fortunate indeed that so able an executive and such an eminent malacologist is to be at the helm in these days of stress. She asks that the Union continue to function as efficiently as possible even without annual meetings. Let us help her.

It will be quite possible to issue the usual Annual Report with membership list revised each year if members will cooperate by sending the Financial Secretary any news of interest concerning their malacological activities or otherwise: also changes of address and correction of any errors detected in the list. Such errors will creep in despite our best efforts to the contrary, much to our regret.

The Financial Secretary has retired from the active staff of The Buffalo Museum of Science and is now Research Associate in Malacology. This honorary title carries with it continued supervision of the shell collection at the Museum and the use of the laboratory. However, since the hours spent there are not regular, mail delivery will be facilitated by addressing as above.

Yours for the continued success of the Union

Emogene C. Robertson

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Financial Secretary