

Cazenovia Feb. 25, 1854.

Mr. George Scamford.

Dear Sir—

Enclosed is fifty cents
(\$.50) to pay for the catalogue, which
I received promptly.
Campylosorus thuyophyllus and
Asplenium trichomanes are also
to be found at Chittenango Falls.
I obtained specimens from there
last fall, I can send you specimens
if you like.

Thanking you kindly for your
promptness

I am

Respectfully,

Frances Nash.

Brunswick, Maine

Dec 16, 1878.

Gen. E. Davenport, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I address you to introduce you to my brother Dr C. F. Essenden Nichols 56 Baylston St. who has a very choice collection of Hawaiian ferns gathered by himself, and also large collections from other countries which I have thought you might be interested to see & perhaps my brother could make some exchanges with you to the end of securing needed American varieties

I have myself through
the kindness of Miss Furbish
who is a devoted member of
my parish been greatly indebted
to you for specimens and for
information. I only wish that
my parochial duties gave me
more opportunity to give my-
self to the study.

My brother is very much
driven, but should you call
at his office & use my name
the collection will be gladly
at your service

With much respect

Very truly yours

Rev. H. P. Nichols.

H \ Feb 15. 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport-

Dear Sir

Our Normal school building has been destroyed by fire and the herbarium to which I had given so much of labor and of material has gone down in the destruction

The calamity will not materially change my plans however, as I hope to be at liberty for field work by the middle of April, and shall then be enabled to return your exchange early in the season. Respectfully
M. E. P. Norton.

POSTAL CARD



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Geo. E. Davenport.
Medford,
Mass.

San Jose, Cal.
Aug. 26, 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport, Botanist
Medford Mass.

Dear Sir

Some months ago I promised that I would make all practicable search for the *Adiantum tricholepis*.

During the past summer I have explored the canyons in the immediate vicinity of Monterey, without success, though I found an abundance of the *A. pedatum* and one other coast species.

I had hoped for a visit from Mr Geo. R. Vasey who was

in the Santa Lucia Mts.
engaged in the U.S. Census
service, Depart. of Forests,

That is an attractive field
for an explorer, but not
accessible to ladies.

By addressing Dr Vasey you
may gain some information.

I hope soon to be able to
send you the address of a
collector in that vicinity
though I was disappointed
in meeting the members of
the exploring party while
in Monterey.

If you desire a set of our
coast ferns I shall soon be
able to ~~send~~ them to you.

Soon after our building
was destroyed by fire, you
kindly offered to contribute to

to our herbarium.

I shall now be able to receive
and care for such collections,
and shall be especially pleased
to obtain high Sierra plants
from our State.

All such contributions
should be directed to me, as I
now have a distinct appointment
to the department of Botany, +
sent to the care of the State Normal
School.

With sincere gratitude
for your kind sympathy in
our loss I am

Very Truly Yours
Mary E. B. Norton.

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My dear Mr. Mansford,

I received your note
yesterday, and confess
my hearty disappointment
at not being able to go with

you in the afternoon. I went
down to High School &
ask Miss Macomber, but
found her just about
to start for York, Me. on
the noon train - My class
graduated from college
yesterday ^{afternoon}, and that was

my reason for not being
with you. Still I have
not given up hope and
thank you for your
kindness in letting me have
at least a chance.

Very sincerely yours,
Helen M. Hoops.

Auburndale

June 28, '99

Oct. 3. 1889.

C. B. ORCUTT,
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Geo. E. Deshayes,

My dear sir: —

Your kind favor of Sept. 22, is at hand. I regret very greatly, under the circumstances you mention, the note regarding Mr. Pringle in the Scientist that you referred to.

I failed to receive any word from Mr. Horsford regarding him and a visitor at San Diego who was acquainted with Mr. Pringle's plans for the season and had formerly accompanied him on one of his expeditions, expressed his opinion and stated that he had failed also in receiving news from our mutual friend.

I am much pleased however to receive your news of him and hope sincerely the hasty paragraph may not lead to any unpleasant results to his mother, especially since news has been recd from him since the date of my magazine.

Thanking you for your kind letter,

Sincerely

C. B. Orcutt.

Laboratory of Organic Natural History:

CHARLES RUSSELL ORCUTT

SAN DIEGO, California, July 15, 1884.

Geo. E. Davenport,
Dear Sir;

I have just returned from Lower Cal. and have succeeded in getting some more of that *St. odia* which I once sent to you and I have sent a dozen specimens hoping you may be able to determine it by them. If, in need more I can furnish another dozen I believe, It grows in an almost inaccessible place and is not abundant.

I have not yet found Parish's *Chilodites* and hardly expect to do so but may get in that locality this fall. Shall I return the one you sent me or shall I keep it, at least for a time?

Lo. Cal. has been nearly inaccessible this year but I have found a few things in this vicinity,

Hastily Yours

C. R. Orcutt.

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No. 365 TWENTY-FIRST STREET,

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, May 15 1894

Mr Geo. E. Davenport:

Your kind letter
to Mr Orcutt recd. He is taking a
trip to Europe & Mexico and your letter
is filed accordingly. His return

Yours sincerely
(Geo. C. R. Orcutt)

San Diego, Calif. June 21, 1894.

Geo. E. Davenport.

67 Valley St., Medford Mass.

My dear sir - Your favor of 4th ult. I find on my return from Mexico, where my work was interrupted by illness so I had to return.

I doubt if I have a good spec. of No. 2346, but if I find some I will remember you. I hoped to have some Mexican ferns to send you, but I only collected a few things before I was taken sick.

Sincerely,

H. C. Creitt.

San Diego, Calif. 12 June 1901.

Geo. E. Lavenport.

Medford, Mass.

My dear sir, - I enclose a copy of the West American Scientist and would ask you to kindly let me enroll you as a life subscriber. Price is \$10.00 - payable in cash, books or specimens at your own valuation. I would like to be remembered with copies of your own writings as far as possible, past, present and future, and any duplicate literature will be acceptable - odd numbers of periodicals, etc. I am especially anxious to build up a goodly list and hope to make it more worthy of its name if my affairs prosper.

I would be glad to receive any article from your pen also, on our western ferns especially. Kindly let me hear from you favorably.

Sincerely

C. R. Crutt.

eastern and middle sections of the
island; the western end is more
open and I believe so, and
more likely to be, but the
middle - no ferns in that section
in "entirely unbroken" the common
one - Pteris, which grows all over
the common. Her is for Pteris -
the Manual says "smaller form 2-3
line", "feral" but the com-
moner taller on the island. So Pteris
virginica is much thicker than the
2-3 given in the Manual. or
you have it the Franciscan Vol-
cano I shall be glad to send
you a copy; its fern list was made
out by thoroughly competent per-
sons.

M. L. D.

For list mentioned see pamphlets

Oct 1924

W. B. Thwaites Jr.

Springfield, Mass. Dec. 7, 1900

H

Mr. George E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your notice
in the October number of "Rhodora" that
you would like accurate lists of ferns from
any locality, I have made out and will
enclose a list all the ferns known to grow
in Western Massachusetts, except Thelypteris
angustifolia, Roid, on the list of au-
thority, to grow in Amherst, but which
I have never seen from that locality.
What I have not collected myself
have been brought to me by two
accurate and reliable fern students
Mr. S. Stebbins and Dr. W. H. Chapin;
one, however, as far as I know, has
been reported only by Miss Goldthwaite
of Longmeadow; - that is Ophioglossum

Question.

I can give other localities for almost every species in the list if you desire, but instead of details which might be unnecessary, I will only offer to add such information as you may wish me to add that you would like.

I send no specimens because I cannot easily obtain them, and it is not likely that you care for the common species; whatever you really want to see I will try to borrow for you. I would offer to get some collected by the members of our botanical society, mostly common, but that may be too late.

Yours truly,
C. D. C.

W. J. Service,

1871

Yours very truly

Wm. H. Allen

P.S. It comes to my mind only at this moment that I can report on the genus Anticarsus - The only addition I can make to the list in the "Catalogue Raisonné" in 1888 is that Spiloglossum vulgatum was found in 1841 in abundance at Worms. This makes the third locality; in the other two only a few specimens were found.

Gray's Manual says that Microgramma caudata is rare; it certainly is so in the western part of the state, but in Anticarsus it comes in about every natural place - that is, damp or wet - all over the

MS. Univ. G.

Springfield, Conn. - 6. 1701

Wm. G. E. Dewarport.

Dear Sir,

I shall send

with this a copy of the Wanamaker
Catalogue, and will add a few re-
marks about some of the ferns. Wan-
wardia Virginia grows much higher
than stated in Gray's Manual; I think
two four feet is not uncommon for
it. And so of W. angustata; it is
hard to find specimens of either of these
species small enough for an ordinary
herbarium. I don't like to say I have
no memory of the ^{of this other species} W. angustata, but I can
ask Mr. Davis and Mr. G. F. Lloyd how
high they have seen them in Wanamaker
and they say that from three to four
feet is the usual height, but that they
see never rise but at that South
Mill Brook Station, a small bog that

I believe them all correct. X
Amnoda Titaniana. Mr. Davis & I
were together when we saw that one
specimen - just one found; it was later in
the dinner & there was not just
enough left - the fruit & more in
pieces. I think there may be more
on the island which collectors at the
right season would detect, but we
can wonder for nothing beyond that
one found.

Opioglossum vulgatum was found
in '89, in abundance at Monomoy
by Miss Mary Foster Coffin, a lady
who died last year. This discovery of
hers was three years after the Cata-
logue came out. Monomoy is about
four miles from the E. & D. Station and six
miles from Mr. Davis's.

X Of course I mean from ^{the top of the} the steps of the pond - I believe that is
the regular way of measuring -

40 from as I can, I will send a few
specimens which Mr. Leitch has sent me. Of
the Dickensis, ^{no more} he has no specimens, but
I am now collecting another season, & I
will make careful observations.

Dr. Charin had given away those
two specimens of B. matricariae -
some, if not all, to Dr. Robinson,
at his request, and they are probably
in the Gray herbarium before this
time. He knows at least four stations
within our city limits where this fern
grows well, and he says he will collect
more next year.

Specimens
 Hoping that there may be a ser-
vice to you

E. C. Merriam

Yours very truly

Maria L. Allen

fill up label + return". Above
that line in ink is written

"Aspidium cristatum
var. major."

Label b is filled in with ink

"Aspidium cristatum
v. Clintonianum, Eaton."

I judged that these were the very
specimens which had passed under
Prof. E.'s inspection, and that
Judge Clinton then sent them to
his old friend Mr. Russell. I
gave them with the rest of my
very small herbarium to our
Society long ago.

Hoping that this account may be
of some use to you,

I remain
Yours very truly
Mrs. Maria L. Owen

Springfield July 20. 1904-

H

Mr. G. E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

The corresponding secre-
tary of our botanical Society
has sent me word that her
members were unwilling to lend
their specimen of Asp. crist.
var. Clintonianum, and had
voted accordingly. On account
of my deafness, I never attend
the meetings myself.

You asked, I believe, (I haven't
your letter at hand) for the history
of the specimen and I can give
you that.

Amongst bot. specimens left
to me by Mr. John Lewis Russell
of Salem who died over thirty
years ago, I found this fern
in question, represented by two
fronds, one 29 inches high, the other
26 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. There were two labels,
and an informal note laid on
the sheet, which I will copy.

"This *Aspidium* troubled me, I
could not reconcile it with *A.*
Goldianum, and it seemed a
wide departure from *A. cristatum*.
So I sent it to Eaton. Prof. E. an-
swered that he had received it from
divers botanists who labelled it
A. Goldianum, but that he regarded

it as a form of *A. cristatum*.
At my instance he named it
Cristatum v. major, this ac-
counts for label (in pencil) a
— the filling up is his. He
afterwards, to my surprise &
gratification named the form
for me in the Manual, and
so I also furnish the label
marked b. G. W. C."

The labels have printed across
the top "Ex Coll. G. W. Clinton"
and at the bottom "Buffalo, New York."
The label a had plainly been sent
to Prof. Eaton unfilled, for as
it was written in pencil, "Please.

I thank you very much for
the account of the new *Artemisia*,
and the beautiful illustration. I
can certainly find great pleasure
in Mr. Brandegee's discovery.

Hoping that you will not be
disappointed in the result of your
journey I remain

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Walter L. Owen.

383 Union St.

Springfield, Sept. 23. 1905

My dear Mr. Davenport,
I have seen the presi-
dent of our botanical society, and
he says, as I do, that there can
be no objection to your photograph-
ing our plant. If you have kept
the letter I wrote you containing a
description of the specimens, will you
be kind enough to bring it? The last
time that I saw them I thought
some parts were missing, or else
it was one of the labels that I thought
was gone, and I should like to com-
pare what we have with the minute
and accurate description which I
gave you.

To come by trolley car must be
a delightful way of making the
journey, but I cannot help wish-
ing that the trip was entirely volun-
tary - not forced upon you.

I shall be very happy to have a
call from you, and will take you
right down to the Science Museum
where our Herbarium is kept, but I
want to help you all I can, and
perhaps I can propose a better plan.
I will meet you at the Museum
on any day that you set, and
in that way you will gain a
precious hour of daylight; this is
on the supposition that you are
going back to Medford the next
day, - the next forenoon, - but

perhaps you are planning to stay
longer. The Museum is in the
heart of the city, and to reach my
house you would have to come by
it, and then retrace your steps.
If you should happen to reach the
Museum first, Miss Pettis, the
Assistant-Curator would give
you all the help you needed.

The room is open from 1 p.m.
to 5 p.m. every week day, but
strangers are admitted whenever
they call - i.e. morning as well
as afternoon; & the door would be
locked in the morning, but I
think Miss Pettis is always at
work there, and would admit you.

H

383 Union St.

Springfield, Oct. 8. 1905

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I have arranged for you
in this way. You will come into
Springfield at the head of State St. I
shall suppose, and the car coming
down will pass the City Library where
you will stop if you wish to go to the Science
Museum at once. This building stands
some little distance back of the library
and the Art Museum. Go up the
walk from the street and you will
see it.

In the Science Museum you will
find Miss Pettis and Frank V. Bishop
— one or both, and either of them will
show you the fern in one minute, and
you can plan with Miss Pettis for
photographing it the next morning.

Frank Bishop is a lad of strong bent
towards natural science. He is still in
the High School, but spends much time
in the Museum, and is the most help-
ful, obliging, young fellow that you could
wish to find.

It will not be
necessary for me to meet you at the
Museum, but I hope you will come
and take tea and spend the evening
with me. Miss Pettis will show
you how to reach the house - through
Maple, passing Temple & High Sts, to
Union, then up Mar to 383, - a
short and pleasant walk. Tea at
any time between six and seven; my
family consists only of myself and my
sister-in-law, Mrs. Gallant, and the
time that suits you will suit us -
Hoping to see you Tuesday without fail,
Yours very truly
Maud L. Owen.

H
Springfield, Nov. 10-1905

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Your letter of October 20. was forwarded to me in Waukegan where I was making a little visit, and I have but just found time since my return to copy the note which you wanted. I am glad that

Your trip was so satisfactory, and hope that when you come again, you will stay long enough to let your friends do more for your pleasure.

Yours very truly
Maud L. Owen

BOTANICAL SOCIETY
SCIENCE MUSEUM
SPRINGFIELD. MASS.

This specimen from Gov.
Clinton's herbarium has passed
under Professor Eaton's inspection,
and is one of those on which he
founded his variety - major - a
name which he afterwards changed
to Clintonianum. This is told

on the note fastened to one of
the sheets, which was probably written
to the Rev. John Lewis Russell of Salem
from whose herbarium this specimen
with many others
came to me by his will.

Nov. 10. 1905. Maria L. Owen