

Orono, Me., Feb. 7, 1890.

Dear Dr. Watson;

I have just returned from a weeks visit in Portland and find your very kind letter awaiting me.

The position you speak of does have attractions for me.

I think the one thing I was made for was a botanist, as from early childhood my inclinations have been in that line.

I dare not now say whether I should like the position or not. We are giving it careful consideration and my father will doubtless write you in a few days concerning it.

I am the third child of Dr. M. C. Fernald, aged seventeen years



and am in the Freshman class at  
the State College, located here, of  
which my father is President.

I know very little about "Text-  
book Botany," my work having been  
mostly in the field, and should  
I go to Cambridge, I should want to  
study as much as possible and do  
the required work satisfactorily.

I thank you very much for the  
note on Juncus.

Respectfully yours,

Merritt L. Fernald.



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*Asa Gray correspondence*

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