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My dear Sir

Some time since I received No XVII of
your Contributions to American Botany and now
tender my hearty thanks for your kind remembrance.
I notice that you describe in part the new *Pennisetia*
I found last year. I also described it in part
in Part V as *P. laevis* but this is still in
the printer's hands. You do not mention the *Arabis*
which I thought was *arcuata*. I believe it to be new
also.

We gathered many fine things the past
summer in the British Columbian Mountains. Some
of these are new to our flora and some may be
new to science. As soon as my son gets through
the *Polypetalae* we will send you those that are doubt-
-ful and others not hitherto sent to your herbarium.
I have often wondered whether you ever distribute
any species from Harvard. We got specimens
from everywhere else but none from you.

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I am not asking for an exchange but you may have species to distribute not in our Herbariums.

There are many new species of mosses in Canada yet to be collected and described. Hindberg & C. Müller have been at work on my collections the past summer and have worked out 171 species new to science. Prof. Barnes seems to think these of little account but he will open his eyes wide when he sees the descriptions and I hope in many cases the figures. When all are examined there will be fully 200 additions to Lesq. & James Mammal as I have over 25 new to America though not to science.

With best wishes

Erano Watson Esq.
Cambridge
Mass.

I remain very truly yours
John Mawson



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