

she was anxious to see me before
returning to Texas. Unfortunately

she did not tell me how I was
to identify her, and as I had
no way of knowing I did not
go there. She promises on her
return to try & get me some
C. cucupoda. I have received
another specimen of B. boreale from
Dr. Schneck and as they represent
two of the three forms described
by Nyström I have placed
them both in the herbarium, re-
mounting the sheet so as to
take out one of the two from
Sweden to send to you. I have
made a note on the bud, for the
Bulletin, somewhat modifying the
previous description of the species.

If I am successful in
my communication with Mr
Turner, I may have a supply

another season. Do not be in
hurry about Lemmon's ferns. There are some
negotiations pending that may give us a

Very truly
yours
E. Davenport
before long
of Arizona ferns
and supply

Ans Oct 31

Medford, Mass, Oct. 17. 1880
My Dear Mrs Meyers

Your letter betrayed so
much weariness that I wanted
to answer it at the time I
received it but could not.

I have been very busy, and
something would interfere to
prevent my writing just at
the moment I would start to
write.

You must not
get discouraged in your work.

You will surely have your
reward, as I know you do in
the consciousness of earnest
striving to do good. I am
quite sure, from the manner
in which your Syracuse friends
have alluded to you from
time to time, that your work
is appreciated, and that they all

hold you in high esteem.

I can understand how you may at times get discouraged as I think I understand your peculiar temperaments, but you must not overlay yourself in your work, for a reaction is always depressing in its influence.

Do I ever get discouraged? Ah, I could not begin to tell you how ^{now} discouraged I am at times, and ~~near~~ I come to giving up altogether! But though I feel often as if

"My half-days work was done,
And I am ready not to do"

I rally and keep on and so I suppose it will continue to be to the end.

I had a pleasant call from Mrs Gifford. She has probably told you before this of some changes I have made in Applenium

myriophyllum. I have made an announcement of it, although guardedly, in the Bot. Gazette, having written a critical notice of Prof. Eaton's new "Fern List" for that publication. Have you seen the List? It is ^{very} near indeed, and I have praised it warmly, waiving some points of disagreement that I might have criticised. I expected a visit from Mrs M. J. Lums, ~~who~~ who has been visiting east. She wrote me that she should stop in Boston one day on purpose to see me & the herbarium, but at the last moment I received a hurried note from her, saying that she would be obliged to pass through Boston without stopping and asking me to meet her at the Depot on the arrival of the train, as



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