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Dear Mr. Collins,

Your letter of the 4th of Nov. has remained long unanswered. I have been busy with a class this fall, and we did not move up to winter quarters near the Herbarium until last week, too late, because we were caught in those two dreadful storms. It seems to me that if I ever get settled again near the collections, I never want to move again. This I hope will be soon. I am up at the Herbarium now often and will send you with this a bit of *Mnium rostratum* and *M. rugicum*. It seems to me that you have both on your slides, because one leaf has big cells along the vein and other has not. *M. rostratum* has them twice as large along the vein: on the other hand, *M. rostratum* has not the cells in diverging rows and *M. rugicum* has, (See one of your slides,) *M. rostratum* has the cells collenchymatic, i.e. thickened at the angles, *M. rugicum* has not. I will enclose European specimens of both, and an American too.

Dr. Grout has been asking me to write to you and ask you to take the presidency of the Sullivant Botanical Chapter, but I declined as I knew you had very little time to devote to the mosses and we want all you have for critical and advanced work. So don't take it amiss, my refusal.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth G. Britton





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