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Dear Sir

I am sending a few specimens of *Polypodium commune*, at the same time with this, of various forms. I hope you will not feel under any obligation to send me anything in return, though anything you have of interest will always be welcome. Although unnamed plants from Gaspe' would be interesting, I have my time occupied now so fully & indeed to overflowing, that I don't think I must undertake anything fresh at present.

I am afraid I am not able to send you much in the way of authenticated material.

The var. *perigoniale* appears to have undergone progressive evolution at the hands of authors, until the perichaetial bract character has become of secondary or no importance; and as

now treated by Simprich, Noth. x., I fail entirely to separate it from var. minus (Simprich in his Supplement minimises or almost destroys the few characters distinguishing them two in his earlier descriptions). I do not fully understand what is implied by the exothecial ^{pores} ~~stomata~~ being "gehöft," or whether this is supposed to apply to var. perigoniae alone, to the exclusion of the type & var. minus, but I should gather that it is not. It seems generally admitted that the form of the pre-slit is not stable; is indeed altered by age. The less deeply crenulate semilunar δ cell of lamellæ appears to be common to both var. perigoniae & var. minus. In short I am quite unable to see how the two differ, in any definable characters.

If you cared for it, I think we

could put a note (offering exchanges) in our Ind. Notebook, which goes the round of the Members of our Moss Exchange Club. It might catch the eye of someone who would be glad to exchange. If you care to do so, please send me on a post card what (if for what) you offer exchange.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

H. N. Dixon



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