

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVANT MOSS CHAPTER.

DEAR FRIENDS :

We wish to have a confidential consultation with you regarding plans for the future development of the Chapter.

It was started, as you know, January 1st, 1899, with thirty-four charter members. THE BRYOLOGIST had already been issued as a Department of the FERN BULLETIN for one year. The officers decided to have this made a separate publication and use it as the medium of communication between members and to utilize it also as a means of education. The first year of the Chapter proved its need, and therefore its success. At the end of the second year we had ninety-two members; the dues had been raised and the material of THE BRYOLOGIST doubled. So far, all indicates prosperity along both lines of work: that of the Chapter and that of THE BRYOLOGIST. Here comes in the problem, how to continue this dual prosperity.

The members of the Chapter naturally divide themselves into three classes. One third are advanced workers, who are only Chapter members for the good they can do others and these would subscribe for THE BRYOLOGIST in any case. One third are sufficiently interested to pay dues and receive THE BRYOLOGIST and get the "offerings," but aside from this we know little of their work. The last third are in active correspondence with the Secretary, who supervises their work from time to time and renders aid as needed. It is from this class we hope to develop future advanced workers. We need all three classes to ensure the prosperity of THE BRYOLOGIST and we feel it is necessary to all who care for the study of the mosses, hepatics and lichens. Now, in order to do the best for all, not only Chapter members but also for our large outside subscription list, both domestic and foreign, we, as editors, feel it best to make THE BRYOLOGIST a bi-monthly and charge \$1.00 a year subscription. Now, in order to comply with the post-office regulations regarding carriage of second-class matter, we must make the Chapter dues larger than the regular subscription price. The amount which the Chapter will realize this year from the present arrangement of dues will give it a sufficient balance to provide for the herbarium, then a continued small annual difference between dues and amount paid for THE BRYOLOGIST will carry on the legitimate work of correspondence, etc.

It is taken for granted that with THE BRYOLOGIST, a bi-monthly of sixteen pages and cover, at \$1.00 a year, its limit of growth has been reached. Now, it has been suggested that Chapter dues be placed at \$1.10, thereby complying with post-office rules; regular subscription being \$1.00. THE BRYOLOGIST would be sent to all members at a reduction of say twenty cents, that is, ninety cents going to THE BRYOLOGIST and twenty cents to the Chapter treasury.

Will you take this matter into consideration and for *yourself* send *your* answer to the Secretary? Will you continue as a Chapter member next year and send in renewal promptly at \$1.10, getting THE BRYOLOGIST every other month, availing yourself of its offerings of mosses, hepatics and lichens and such other help as you may desire? *This* we desire rather than that you should simply subscribe for THE BRYOLOGIST at \$1.00.

The Chapter is doing a needed educational work. We need *you* and you need *us*. Please give this matter your consideration and answer at once, that the necessary changes in the Constitution may be arranged.

Very respectfully,

(Mrs.) ANNIE MORRILL SMITH, SECRETARY.



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