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**BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A.** Aug. 10, 1908.

Mr. J. Franklin Collins,

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Collins,

I received your letter of August 3rd last Friday. It was forwarded to me at the Profile House. I had not heard a word from Fernald, and therefore waited until my return to Boston today. I telephoned to The Gray Herbarium, and I was informed there that Fernald had been extremely ill with sea-sickness on the way from Boston. This developed into some kind of a liver trouble, so severe that it was deemed advisable for him to leave the expedition at St. John, and go home to Orono. He has been there now some days, and is very much better, and spoke of botanizing a little around Orono in his last letter. Fernald left the expedition before the serious storm that you speak of.

I have been away ever since July 2nd, - up to the 20th at Bread Loaf Inn in Vermont, where I picked up 371 sheets of plants, mostly common things, to complete my Vermont collection. After that I went to Breezy Point at the foot of Mt. Moosilauke, where I did the same with New Hampshire plants, putting in about 250 sheets. I am back here now for good.

I was glad to hear from you. You must have enjoyed the work, although it must have been of a pretty strenuous nature. I have no doubt



a letter addressed to Fernald at Orono, Maine, would reach him.

Sincerely yours,

Emile F. Williams



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