

Robinson hands me the enclosed clipping with the remark that we now understand how you can spend so much time on Rhodora. Every day he brings in baskets of mushrooms which he has never seen before, and every few hours he announces something "new to New Hampshire". In fact he thinks the novelties here will last for five years at least.

I hope you are having a pleasant & restful month at Jaffrey. Kindly remember me to Mrs. Robinson.

Sincerely yours

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Alstead Centre, N.H.

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THE ALSTEAD SCHOOL
OF NATURAL HISTORY.

My dear Dr. Robinson -

I am returning with this the proof of the Antennaria article. I added an Alstead note under A. Fawcettii. If that will make any extra expense it had better be omitted as it is of little consequence.

I wonder if you noticed the inferior plate-paper which Huntzmann furnished us in the July Rhodora. Mr. Robinson is as much displeased as I and as I know you will be and it seems to us that some

reduction ought to be expected in the bill for this month.

I have at the house where we are living (I am sitting in the lecture room) a note from Miss Coburn on the Maine Station for Lactuca marsoni. I will send it as soon as I can rewrite it a little.

We are having some very successful botanizing and there are several plants herabouts which will apparently furnish some good notes. Monday on one of our long driving excursions down the Ashuelot through Surry we found a very interesting colony of Gentian things — Panicum barbatum, Carex laxiflora var. latifolia?, Desmodium

Pycnanthemum laetostachium, Cupressus thunbergii,

Salicaria viscaria etc. giving under some striking geographical conditions. Mr. Tiedt affords me a joint paper with me, after further discussion, he working out the physiographical and ^{to the west} geographical parts. This, I think, will make a readable and fairly good paper for Phytologia.

Our school has begun very satisfactorily for the first year). As I write, Webster is lecturing at the other end of the room to our present students. Very soon we shall increase our number to ten, as three ladies are coming for the last half of the session.



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