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BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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My dear Ains -

Thank you for sending
Preston's address -

I shall be glad to send
you some material of Goodyera
repens, var. aphioides as soon as
I can hunt it out in my duplicates.

Leavitt explained that the illustration
was put in by Bailey without
consultation with you.

You ask about the European
view of the nomenclature
question. There isn't any
definite European view, but
above all things they disprize

the isolated neo-American
tendency. The Berlin people
a few years ago united in
a protest against taking up
generic names which had not
been in current use within 50
years at the time of original
publication. This is essentially
the practice at Kew and at
St. Petersburg though they are
not inclined there to fit in
with anyone else, & follow no
very definite code. This
Berlin rule is what we are
now following here & it seems
the only course to keep our-
selves free from such names
as *Meibomia*, &c.

Until an international congress can be held, run on democratic or scientific, not Tammany principles, we can't really hope to get any settled policy the matter over, but in the mean time we are trying to follow what seems the sanest and safest course adopted by the botanists of the old world as well as the more cautious in America. We have just recd. a flora of California, by Prof. Jepson of Berkeley in which it is a delight to see the good old established names used

although Jepson is the Successor
of the famous E. L. Greene at
Berkeley. Another paper
which came yesterday is a
Flora of Mt Rainier by Prof.
C. V. Piper in which our
Combination of the Berlin
& Kew rules is carefully
followed. Still another, a
Flora of Grand Rapids has
come out along these lines, so
that geographically the conserva-
tive tendency is not limited
to New England as some people
are fond of maintaining.

I seem to have had luck
in missing the few club meetings
which you honor with your
presence! For I am now
afraid that I shall be unable to

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be present Friday night. ¹⁹ But
I am learning that the only
way to get you to a meeting is
to stay away myself.

Sincerely yours,
Nemitt L. Fernald.



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