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near Dr. Kennedy,

In overhauling my accumulation of papers and letters while I was away, I find the enclosed ^{wich} on second thoughts (or third ones rather) I send you. I did not care to annoy you in the midst of your vacation by what really is only a misunderstanding on his part. But that I know you will be as friendly to me as you are to him, and will perhaps have the chance to rectify any mistaken rumor should it come to your ears. I wrote to Mr. Davenport, told him that the remark applied to M. Breutt, to whom he introduced me, and not to him, and that I felt that I was the one who had reason to be hurt, for it was not a compliment either to my head nor my heart to have him think that I could be guilty of such a piece of rudeness. I called on him at his store before I came away, and I spent all of one day at the meeting of the Linnean Fern Chapter where he was present in Horticultural Hall. We had a perfectly amicable discussion on Ophioglossum at which Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Davenport and I took part, and parted, as I supposed on the best of terms. You may imagine my surprise on receiving this letter after reaching Lake Placid. As you see, I intended to forward it to you at once, but changed my mind. I send it now, in case you know who the intimate friend is that he referred to. I do not know of course or I would write to him.

yours truly,

E. S. Britton



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