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EZRA BRAINERD

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MIDDLEBURY, VT. Feb. 7, 1919.

My dear Mr. Deane:-

Your letter of Feb. 5th arrives this morning. The plant that you sent up for my further study, the one with my erroneous (?) label "V. blanda", was returned by parcels post in the same mail with my letter of Jan. 27. I remember exactly how the package looked after I had carefully tied it up. I do hope it was n't lost in the mail. Perhaps in your illness it was not noticed, and may be somewhere in your house.

I return for your further inspection the tabular statement I made of "Violets collected by Walter Deane in Coos Co. N. H. July 24 - Sept. 24, 1919." Please note:- I. In the list of the 8 forms found, the last two (V. blanda x incognita and V. renifolia var. Brainerdii) are distinct. I did not consider them "either one or the other," but that you had found both.

II. The table may be read in two ways: (1) The sum of the vertical columns (marked A, B, C, &c and given in the bottom line--4, 9, 8, &c) denotes the number of plants in the several sets. The aggregate of these numbers in the right-hand lower corner is 88 the grand TOTAL. (2) The sum of the horizontal rows, given in the vertical <sup>column</sup> on the right denotes "the number of plants in the several species", which added gives again 88 the grand TOTAL.

You have my sincere sympathy in your painful illness from rheumatism. I trust as the warmer weather comes on you will be on the gain, and that next summer will see you with the Vermont botanists at Lake Averill in Essex Co. adjacent to Coos Co. N. H. I am thankful to be able to say that I have passed through this severe winter without any serious ailment. The weather here is quite mild today--almost thawing.

With kind regards both to yourself and to Miss Brown,

Yours faithfully,

Ezra Brainerd.



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