

[From H.L.]

EZRA BRAINERD

SPRINGSIDE  
MIDDLEBURY, VT. Dec. 30, 1919.

My dear Mr Deane:-

I thank you most cordially for the Christmas greeting from you and Miss Brown. I have before me the several notes that you have written since Nov. 21st. During much of this time I have been laid up with colds, and overwhelmed with the pressure of various kinds of work. I am better now, but the doctor enjoins on me to avoid fatiguing work for the present. Your problem, however, regarding the proper disposition of the violet from Shelburne, N.H. I can solve I think if I have another look at it. I have a new pair of glasses that have greatly improved my vision. So send up the specimen and I will pass on it.

Our Vt. Botanical contemplate going up to Averil Lake in Essex Co. Vt. for ~~their summer outing~~ their summer outing. It is not far from Willoughby Lk. region where Dr. Kennedy did such good work, and adjacent to Coos Co., N.H.

Our Bulletin showing the result of our experimental study of the New England blackberries is now in press. It has taken up much of my time and strength during the past eight weeks. Then the finishing up of my study of the No. Am. violets is demanding attention. Other pressing duties might be cited. I could well employ ten more years to finish my life work. But such I suppose is the lot of most---they leave their tasks for other and often abler men to complete.

But be assured that my old friendship for you is undiminished. That each succeeding year of life may be your best years is my heart's sincere prayer.

As ever yours faithfully.

*Ezra Brainerd*

P. S.

*Can you tell me how H. Schuyler Mathews is these days? Is he doing any work in water-colors? and is his address still 17 First St Cambridge?*



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