

glossy green leaves quickly
attract the eye.

I have collected some
mosses; they are more
universally sterile than
usual. I wonder
whether this is an off year
for fruiting mosses.
Certainly last year was
a wonderfully good year
at Mansfield & the
Crawford Profile Notches
for fruiting mosses & they
may be resting this year.
We can hardly see across
the platform this morning
the clouds are so thick &
all last night the house
rocked in the wind.

If I can arrange affairs
I hope to go to Wilmoughby
on July 6th meanwhile I
hope I shall see you =
as ever sincerely (& kind regards
to Mrs Deane,) G. E. K

Sunday 27 June 98
Put Washington,

My dear Mr Deane,

I suppose you have
heard the particulars of Mr.
Faxon's death: I am so glad
he was not alone when the
summons came. Nothing
could have been more
beautiful & peaceful than
his deathbed on the green
grass of June in a place
he loved so well. I miss
him very much up here
too, as he had usually
been here with me.

We, (Mr William & Greenman
my friend Hodges) came
up here on the Help Train
last Tuesday for Faxon's &
opened the House: we
have had very poor
weather except Thursday:
cold winds & rain & on
the first day much snow
with Ther at 34° but the
steam has made the house

warm enough: The season
is backward & we have
found the *Rhododendron*
Lappaceum, & *Diaperusa*
& *Cassiope*, *Empetrum* &
Arctostaphylos alpina in
flower. We have been
unable to get to the lake
of the Clouds region so have
not *Potentilla frigida*
in flower, but I trust they
(i.e.) Greenman & Williams will
find it next week. I have
to go home tomorrow &
shall be in Cambridge on
Wednesday.

The *Arctostaphylos* we
found at our old alpine
Garden station:

Its flowers are in clusters
of 1-3 fr scaly buds, &
on stout pedicels 5 or 6
times longer than the flower
or young fruit & the pedicels
are often curving. The
corolla remains some time

on the young fruit & does
there before falling: I
think insects or birds
must eat the young fruit
before it matures, as
all traces of it have
been gone in other years
by July 10th. The ripe
fruit or even large fruit
is as you know very
rare. I think that very
few botanists have seen
the plant in its present
fruiting state: Mr Faxon
had never thus described
it to us and I think
could never have seen
it. Perhaps this happens
to be an exceptionally
good year for it. I was
surprised also at the
small size of the leaves
making the plant much
less conspicuous than in
midsummer when the



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