

*Melampyrum pratense*:

*Veronica Chamaedrys*:

*Digitalis purpurea*:

*Lythrum salicaria*:

*Geranium silvestre*:

*Asperula odorata*:

*Potentilla Fragariastrum*:

" *Formentilla*:

*Lathyrus macrochilus*:

*Vicia sepium*: & *V. sativa*:

*Lobus corniculatus*:

*Epodium maritimum*:

*Geranium lucidum*:

*Arenaria triacanthos*:

*Stellaria holostea*: & *rupestris*:

*Silene maritima*:

*Cochlearia officinalis*:

*Cardamine pratensis*:

*Cheiranthus cheiri* (everywhere)

*Meconopsis cambrica*:

*Ranunculus ficaria*:

These are some of the odd

Synton

North Devon

28 May 1903

Dear Walter, I am sorry  
to hear you had another  
attack of Bronchitis but  
hope the hot weather  
has driven it all away.

After a voyage entirely  
free from sea-sickness  
we came straight from  
Liverpool via Bristol  
to this charming village;  
we are on the side  
of a hill 600 above the  
sea & looking down  
on the Rook's nests  
which are in turn  
looking down <sup>on</sup> the little  
village of Symington  
directly under us.



The hills are amazingly steep, the valleys all with beautiful little trout streams & the Gorse & Broom are vying with each other to make the hillsides brilliant, the gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) a fine orange yellow, & the Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) a delicate orange yellow. I have found a few blossoms of *Erica cinerea* very early (they all say) for it. Photography has been relegated rather to the back ground — Do you remember with what enthusiasm we pitched into the Natural

Bridge plants? Well, that's what I have done here. Having Hooker's Manual in hand how could I do otherwise than collect, so my Botany Box has been full every evening & I have not taken a dozen photos yet. Some of the new plants to me are *Armeria vulgaris*, *Orchis mascula*, and *O. latifolia*, *Neottia*, *Hidus-avis*, *Carex sylvatica*: (the only *Carex* I have seen) *Scelopendrium vulgare* which is everywhere: *Thercurialis perennis*: *Rumex acetosa*: *Ajuga reptans*: *Laminium* *Galeobdolon*: *Melittis* *Melissophyllum*:



We have no idea how long  
we may stay here: the  
walks & drives are so  
many we have not to  
do them all, & tho' most  
people devote only a  
couple of days to Lynton  
we shall be here at  
least two weeks. I hope  
to hear what you are doing  
this summer & that you  
have already found out what  
light-struck your films.  
I have been too busy to  
develop any yet. Tho'  
Millie was "at me" this am  
to begin. I wrote Emile ~~trans~~  
yesterday, perhaps he would  
be interested to see this & your his.  
We all join in aff. regards to  
you & Mrs. Lane. Sincerely  
G. G. K

new things that I have  
been busy over. We are  
happily located in a  
very pleasant house & I  
have a 6x4 ft hard  
wood table in one  
corner of our snug little  
parlor for my work  
table, so you see I  
am very well off. The  
other day Millie & I joined  
Dr & Mrs Broughton of  
Jamaica Plain (who are here)  
on a trout fishing trip  
up the East Lyn River.  
I did not carry a rod  
but Camera & Bot. Box.  
we brought back 16  
fair sized trout: & I  
took some photos:  
the river path reminds



me of the walk at the Nat.  
Bridge again. We have  
been here a week in  
brilliant sunshine, &  
have today our first  
real rain: we took  
Coach one day for the  
Korna Doone valley, or  
as far towards it as the  
horses & carriage can  
go: a branch of the Lyr  
called Badgeworthy water  
leads up by a foot path  
to the so-called "Doone  
valley": It is very  
wild & fine, lovely scenery  
and must have been  
much more difficult  
of access two centuries  
ago: it is interesting to  
see how Blackmoor

genius has made the  
whole place a "reality"  
to many people who  
otherwise never would  
have looked at it.

Genius may make  
any place classic.

Sea birds are of course  
plenty here; the one  
bird I have really heard  
& therefore enjoyed hearing  
is the Cuckoo: his  
steady note is often  
heard on the hillsides.  
The birds I have seen  
to know are the Redbreast,  
Chaffinch, Wagtail  
& the Plovers. The crow  
here is a lovely bird  
seen on the high moors.  
Rabbits are seen  
in every field.



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