

Hingham, Mass., August 20, 1922.

Dear Mr. Deane,---

I am back from my vacation and my longest business trip, and except for being in Keene, N. H., for three days this week I shall be at home nights most of the time for a month. Eaton's cards I find were mostly on Ericaceae, but only two or three of them are of any special importance, and may not affect our ranges any.

I will soon look over the copy you sent me before you went away, and then forward it to Dr. Robinson. I had so much writing and other work to do in June and July that I did not get to it.

Vacation was good fun, but there was lots of work to be done and so we were not as free to enjoy ourselves as we might have been. I was especially pleased to meet Mr. John C. Parlin for the first time. He has a thorough knowledge of Maine plants and is a very interesting gentleman. I did not find much if anything, that was new to me in Maine, though I did a little collecting.

My recent business trip to Burlington was as much fun as our vacation, and decidedly more restful. The Superintendents of the State met at the University there, and the Summer School was still in session, so there were many pleasant people to interview, and some festivities that we were invited to share. As we were there a solid week I found time to sandwich in a good bit of botanical exploration, some of it in Pringle's old territory around Charlotte and Shelburne. Mt. Philo, which I visited in May, I climbed again, and explored more thoroughly, finding Polygonum Douglasii to reward me for my pains. There are many other interesting plants on the "mountain" (968 feet). I also drove down to the mouth of the river La Platte, where it empties into Shelburne Bay, and here I found a wealth of vegetation. There were Scirpus fluviatilis and a tall S. Validus species, S. americanus of course, S. pedicellatus, Rumex verticillatus (a very handsome species), Asclepias incarnata, Elodea, and last but not least, Radicula aquatica, a most surprising plant. It starts out like Hottonia, changes to Proserpinaca, and ends up with mustard flowers. I had never realized that

such a plant existed.

One day we went across to Plattsburg, N. Y. a most interesting sail, and while there I checked up 92 species, ^{all} ~~most~~ of them except two common at Burlington. The two rarities were Alyssum incanum and Petasites palmatus in fruit. This last grew in a Thuya swamp quite near the big summer hotel, and was abundant and vigorous.

On ledges by the Winooski river in Burlington I was delighted to find a large quantity of Solidago racemosa in blossom. It is very distinct, and it was fine to see so much of it. It is very different from S. Randii.

All summer we have been very fortunate in escaping rain when we have been driving, and this trip was no exception. We drove from Burlington to Peterboro last Wednesday, 162 miles, arriving just ahead of a downpour. Next morning we were invited to Mr. Charles F. Batchelder's to breakfast, and we had a delightful visit with them before we continued our travels homeward. They have a beautiful old place remodelled, and 200 acres of land.

I am glad you are well this summer, and hope you are having a good vacation. I hope to get in a day at the herbarium soon.

With best wishes to you and Miss Brown, I remain,

Very sincerely,

C. H. Knowlton



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