

San Jose Nov. 15th.

Mr Davenport 1879

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Dear Sir - I ought
to have acknowledged, some time
since the receipt of your
valuable Catalogue - Please
now accept thanks - I am much
pleased, & although I am not
gathering ferns from any scientific
standpoint, as you will be aware
when I ask you a few questions
that I hope you will find time,
& be kind enough to answer -

I have over a hundred specimens
of ferns, including six Selaginellas
several Lygodiums, & Lycopodium

You mention Lygodium as a
climbing fern, please tell me if
all climbing ferns come under
that head, & where you place the

other class of plants - are Lycopodium
ever classed, or ought they to be under
the head of Ferns - Some work
ought to tell me, but I am either
too stupid or weary to search
for the information - I have
some very lovely specimens of
Delagenella, two that - are
almost shrubby in their char-
acter, and foreign growth I presume
as they are from a hot house -

I know very little of their habits
but am greedy for them, for their
great beauty especially those
from the Sandwich Islands -

I send you a fern in full
fruit, the variety - not wholly
decided by the wise men there.
It was gathered a few weeks since
from the foot of Mt. Carmelpais,
as were also the others you will find
in a box I shall mail to you this evening.
I have packed several kinds of

wood moss, which may not be new,
but from some different localities
from any you have - The yellow
moss is from Yosemite, the blue
green from Mt. Hamilton, the
fine dark hairy moss from
Mt. Shasta, & all of the fine
wood moss from Bald Mt. Tenn.

If you are pleased with these,
& have more from Oregon I shall
take pleasure in sending you
some of that also - a time -

I enclose a scrap of a
large fern, which if you have
not among your collection I will
send you a fine specimen -

I shall be most happy to send
Mr. Collins some of our Pacific algae
and am indebted to him for a few fine
specimens of eastern algae -

Yours truly
J. K. Keck

W. H. A. Allen



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