

Specimens.

I am studying the difference bet.
them and *O. pusillum*, but am afraid
I will not be able to locate the
latter, unless by sheer accident, still
I mean to keep my "eye skin" for
we are told that it is the un-
expected which always happens.
Hoping you will pardon my
troubling you so often & that
you will not deem my sending
the photos "too many".

I remain

Yours very truly,
W. C. Dukes

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Mr Geo E. Danenport

Dear Sir:

I am sending you
to day by mail a few more specimens.

The *Botrychium heterotum*(?) are just coming
into fruit (Mch 12th on) and as you see they
are of an entirely different time of fruit-
ing and as far as I can judge are
a different plant from the *B. obliquum* and
also from specimen I have labeled in pen-
cil. *B. ter. obliq' major* (until I can get its
true pedigree)

I also send a few *Ophioglossi*, for altho'
you do not mention them I suppose
as they are of the "same breed of pups"
you might like to take a look at
them. I think that they are rather
undersized, which may be occasioned

by the cold weather, it having been quite severe weather for us during Jan & Feb.,

I shall be on the lookout, and if I find any unusually good specimens of either *Botrychia* or *Ophioglossi* will send you a few more.

I think I have sent all varieties which are found with us, with the exception of *O. pusillum* and I am afraid I am destined to be disappointed in finding that one, but will try every chance I get to discover it, but as the season for them with us is comparatively short, I am afraid my chances are small.

If I have been able to have assisted you in any way I am glad, as it will make me feel that perhaps I have been able to

repay you for your generosity in sending me specimens.

As I am thinking of trying some hybridizing, I would like to worry you with a few questions.

Miss Slosson in her account of crossing *A. platyneuron* on *C. rhizophyllus* mentions one portion of the prothallus as containing the antheridia + another the archegonia - How can I tell "together from which"? Does it follow any set plan or is it only revealed by the glass?

Among the spec' you sent to me was a crested *Dicksonia*, from Bear Hill, Con., if I remember correctly,

Can you give me the address of any party thereabouts from whom I could procure roots? I think it is a particularly handsome fern.

Finally I will say that if I can be of any use to you in getting any plant or in any other way serve you I shall be glad to have you command me.

Thanking you for all your kindness and hoping I may not get "out of touch" of your pen and good graces. I remain

Very truly yours

W. C. Duke



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