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My dear Mr. Davenport.

Pringle's no. 1444. seems a little more finely cut than most specimens of *Asplenium pumilum*, and in this respect varies towards *A. montanum* & *A. Adiantum-nigrum*. But I do not know of any American fern other than *A. pumilum* to which to refer it.

1440. *Notholaena Palmeri* - yes.

1441. *N. candida*. yes. pinnae more than usually lobed - as you observed.

1443. *Pellaea Seemannii* - This is where I should place it - but it is more compound than Strober's original plant. This is the same as Palmer's 732 of 1886.

1445. This you call *Aspidium athyroides* H. G. I have no specimen to compare it with, but it seems to agree well enough with Strober's description of his *N. sphaerocarpon*. It does not look much like Galloott's figure, though it must be said that his figures are very poor.

1446. *Gymnogramme leptophylla*.

yes - seedlings just coming
into fruit.

1179. This you call *Phegopteris rufans* -

If you will look at it again I think
you will see that the sori are
elongated - To me it comes
nearest to *Gymnogramme villosa*,
M. & G. It is smaller than their
figure (Pl. 4. fig. 1), but otherwise
is enough like it. M. & G. say nothing
about the texture. This frond is thinner
than that of *G. diplazioides*, to which
Hooker compares *G. villosa*.

Thanks for your kind wishes.

We have all been more or less
out of health, but seem to be
gaining now.

I have heard nothing from
Cambridge for a week - I suppose
they would let me know if Dr. Gray
showed any improvement.

Yours very truly

D.L.Ratton.



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