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383 Union St.

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Mr. G. E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

I shall send with this a copy of the Nantucket Catalogue, and will add a few remarks about some of the ferns. Woodsia Virginica grows much higher than stated in Gray's Manual; I think that four feet is not uncommon for it. And so of W. angustifolia; it is hard to find specimens of either of these species small enough for an ordinary herbarium. I don't like to say what my memory of the ^{of this latter species} frond is, but if you ask Mr. Dame and Mr. F. G. Floyd how high they have seen them in Nantucket and they say that from three to four feet is the usual height, but that they are nearer five feet at that sixth mile stone station, I shall say that

I believe they are correct. X

Osmunda Claytoniana. Mr. Dame & I were together when we saw that one specimen - just one frond; it was late in the summer & there was but just enough left of the fruit to prove the species. I think there may be more on the island which collectors at the right season would detect, but we can vouch for nothing beyond this one frond.

Ophioglossum vulgatum was found in 1891 in abundance at Monomoy by Miss Mary Foster Coffin, a lady who died last year. This discovery of hers was three years after the Catalogue came out. Monomoy is about four miles from the C. & D. Station and six miles from Mr. Dame's.

X Of course I mean from ^{base of} the ^{two} stipe to the tip of the frond - I believe that is the regular way of measuring -

As soon as I can I will send a few ferns which Mr. Stebbins has lent me. Of the Dickensia, ^{his fern} he has no specimens, but if he goes collecting another season, he will make careful observations.

Dr. Chapin had given away those fine specimens of B. matricariaefolium, some, if not all, to Dr. Robinson, at his request, and they are probably in the Gray Herbarium before this time. He knows at least four stations within our city limits where this fern grows well, and he says he will collect more next year.

Hoping that these ^{specimens} may be of service to you

I remain

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen



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