

From Miss Nettie M. Sadler  
Syracuse, N.Y.

Letter of George E. Davenport

Medford, Mass.  
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Mrs. Rust,

I beg pardon for delay in replying to your letter but I have been turned aside from my correspondence and fern work by many interruptions. I was sorry to learn of your trials, I think you have more than a fair share of them in this life-- I trust that there will be ample compensation and rewards for you yet, not only in this life but in that better one beyond. I know but little about the Institute now not having been able to attend a meeting for several months. Mr. Warren Ucinuill of Reading has been Cor. Sec. the rest time. I was in poor health last summer and went to Vermont in August, where I recuperated for two weeks on Mr. Pringle's farm. He had planned to take a photographic outfit with him on his next trip. I'm aiding him I became ver interested in it myself that it led me all away from my ferns for some time. Later my mother's sickness and death, an accident to my face affected my eyes, and for the first five weeks the sickness of one of my daughters with rheumatic fever prevented still longer my doing any botanical work. Now, however, I am hoping to get back again to my fern work which I not yet am ready to give up. I have just fitted Mr. Pringle out with a first class outfit and I expect he will leave for the southwest during the coming week. I hope for his best trip as I have been to prevail upon him to give it up altogether. He is too valuable a man--too precious tho' I know also how invaluable he is to science--to hazard his life in that way, when he can do equally or more valuable work in other directions. He is one of the truest men I have ever known--pure gold --refined and gentle as a woman in his manner, yet full of manliness. Such men as he are rare.

I was pleased to hear from Syracuse after so long a silence I am glad the Club is still active. I trust it will still long continue to do much valuable work for Botanical Science, remember me kindly to all.

Very Truly Yours,  
George E. Davenport



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