

Illustration. I hope he will not
give any miniature portraits.

I think my plan of giving one
part full size is much better
than giving a reduced figure.
I mentioned that to Prof Eaton
once, but the very next number
contained the Almonds.

I will be glad to hear
from you at any time.

By the way I notice you have
mentioned in your catalogue
that you propose getting out
"Terms of New England".

Remember me kindly
to your family.

Yours Sincere
Friend

J. M. Williamson

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Lancaster, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Varnum

Your Postal Card I received
a few days ago informing me of your family
troubles. I sympathize with you very
much. I earnestly hope the health
(one of the greatest blessings) will soon
be restored to you and all your family.
Calling at the Post Office this morning
I received your letter, and I concluded
to answer it at once because my correspondence
accumulates & I might leave it off
too long. I am very busy with Stern
Etching. I will send you a number
of the plates in a few days for your
criticisms. I am not getting on as fast
as I would like. Having a good deal
of bad luck with my plates, and
accid, it is very troublesome when you

have worked several nights on a plate
and have to do it all over again, first
because some little thing went wrong
in the manipulatory. The temperature
is likely to be more regular now, & I
think I will be more fortunate.

If not too much trouble will you send
me a good *Charactostoma* specimen &
Crypogramme acrostichoides P.Br.

I believe I have every thing else,
Mr. West sent me a nice lot of
specimens from Canada.
I am going through your catalogue
and will arrange them in the
same manner. I want you to
straighten me up on the *Aspidium*
but no hurry yet.

I have not had time to write a
notice of your Catalogue yet
but will do so. My friends here
who subscribed to it are well
pleased. Prof. Willberger is now

making a thorough search for
Chenopods. I ought to find it.
You ought to send one of your catalogues
to the New York Nation. I was astonished
to find the number of enquiries
after the *Etetny* from the notice
this paper gave me.

Leffincott, Scribner, and
Dodd read & all sent for
specimen copies. It is just possible
I may sell more than I expect
people do not care about subscribing
to any work (especially high price)
until they see it. I do not blame them.
I have enough to justify me to go on.
You say you intend receiving my
term paper from a different
stand-point from any you have
seen. I am at a loss to understand
but I can afford to wait until you
are ready. I am beginning to be
anxious to see Mr. Haxon's fern



Williamson, John. 1872. "Williamson, John undated." *George Edward Davenport correspondence*

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