

my dear Mr. Davenport.

It is pleasant to be  
reminded by your papers, so  
kindly sent me and which  
I received this morning, of  
your continued devotion to  
the old interests. I have  
shifted quite away from  
fems, and almost & may  
say botany, in my everlast-  
ing variety of work for  
the past dozen years -

Mr Dodge sent me some of  
the hybrid ferns from  
his region, and I take  
it for granted, as you  
have gone into the matter  
thoroughly, that they are  
good hybrids or species-  
as to botanical nomenclature.  
I don't care a rap about  
it - Some day after it has  
been fought over for years all  
names will agree on something,  
no matter what it will be

all right. It seems to me  
that it will be hard to  
give up some familiar  
names but a generation  
of botanists must suffer  
before it is set right.

I suppose that the Metro-  
politan Park Com. have  
practically settled the  
Middlesex Falls question.  
It is a grand thing  
to have all these reor-  
ganizations made now

for the future and hope  
~~that the Commission will~~  
not be too stiff about  
their rights and get the  
legislators down on them  
just as things are moving  
along so well.

I have not seen Dr. Farin  
for a long time but I  
suppose that he is still  
at the "Silva" with  
kind regards I am  
very truly for  
John Robinson



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