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C. E. WATERS.



Storrs, Conn., Jan 21 1901

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,

My dear Sir,

This is unfortunate for you that you were so kind as to send me the copies of Rhodora, for it compels me to bother you with another letter. We ran up against one another in connection with Aspidium sinuatum, and now I want to tell you that I found what is almost certainly Aspl. eben. Hortonae near Baltimore in 1894 or 1895, on limestone. Fortunately I preserved a specimen which is now in my herbarium at home, and I also made a blue print directly from one of the fronds. I think the folks at home will be able to find it, and when it comes, it will be sent to you. The bright reddish brown color of the stipes still clings in my memory. I think my specimen is fertile.

I have often found Dicksonia forked at the tip, but have never seen any cristate forms. I have found Aspl. filix-foemina with well crested fronds, but could not save a specimen at the time and was never able to find the

plant again. Then I have a well crested specimen of *Aspidium acrostichoides* (and a blue print from it) in my herbarium.

But perhaps the most remarkable discovery of this kind was a colony of *Phegopteris hexagonoptera* with the tips of the fronds, and of all the pinnae as well, crested, and with the pinnae folded down along the mid-ribs. These were growing in a grassy clearing where they were exposed to the sun, but they were kept moist by the little stream less than six feet away. I have a blue print of that also. This fern very often has forked pinnae, and the fronds also are often forked at the tip.

If I had only known of all this at Christmas!

Very truly yours,

C. R. Waters.



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