

Poland Spring House
South-Poland, Maine -
May 14th '93 -

Mr. G. E. D.

Dear Friend: You will undoubtedly be surprised to know that I have rec'd. the appointment of Botanist to this House for the flowering Season - which will be into Sept. of course. I hope that I shall be well, and that none of the den ones will need my personal care; for it seems to be an opportunity to improve in health; if the wrotens are really what they claim to be, and so much has been said and written about them, that it cannot all be false. The Season, as you say in "Mosses" is indeed backward; but I have catalogued 103 plants in four days which have peeped out of the ground far enough to be named. I am somewhat west of B-K. but I find the Flora identical so far - only as yet I find no Spruce, Fir, or Soft-fir - of course the reason that I do not find the trees, is because they have been obliterated. Some parts of the town must show a few.

The object of the Messrs. Ricker in appointing a Botanist here, is for the amusement of the invalid - I hope I shall "fill the bill". The man who employed me, said he wanted the Flora written up for publication to be sent out in the



Furbish, Kate. 1893. "Furbish, Kate May 14, 1893 [to G. E. Davenport]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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