

Christmas festivities have
sadly interrupted work in
the herbarium. But I hope
they will soon cease.

I enjoy very much
the overhauling of packages
of plants that have not
seen the light for 4 to 8
years. We have had
to move 4 times and
so are always ready to
pack up and leave.

What was the other
fern that you spoke of
as about to be published by
Prof Eaton?

Please keep us posted
about all your discoveries
and labors.

Hoping that you are well
and enjoying the privileges of
the new year at this full & ours
truly yours. L. B. ^{Drummond}

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Oakland, Cal.
Jan. 3. '84.

Friend Saunderford.

Yes. That
little fern sent you is no
doubt Cherl. Cal. On a
careful examination the day
after sending I came to this
conclusion. Again, the
Pellaea sent you are certainly
different from each other; the
one being P. ~~lewisii~~ the
other P. ~~brachyptera~~. But how
singular that they should
be found thus together.

I see you put up the
Solidago different from Prof
Eaton. The var. of that
polymorphous species A. ~~ac-~~
etum & I see make to

include ^{var.} scopulinum, Cat.

You will some day go a step further and include our so-called A. bolivoides, among the forms of A. aculeatum.

But really, is not the scopulinum I sent you (that large one that was returned, I mean) nearer to A. boliv than to the common forms of A. aculeatum? That is the clarification Eaton gave consent to in a letter, and so I put it so in my Cat. of Pac. Ferns.

I must put out a 2nd ed. soon embracing a new method of teaching the science, which came to me last winter.

I have a form of Pellaea that is a puzzle. It resembles P. brightiana and especially the form from La Bernardina which you called var. compacta. (2 years after I called it var. Californica.)

I must send you a spec. of this puzzle. It is too large and strict to fit into any description I have examined, unless it be the typical form ^{of P. brightiana} which you know I have had no chance to see.

I hope you will find a bit of Ch. Pringlei to spare me.

What a curious and pretty spec it is! How delighted Pringle must be. I should like to congratulate the worthy fellow.



Lemmon, J. G. 1884. "Lemmon, John G. Jan. 3, 1884 [to G. E. Davenport]." *John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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