

Santa Barbara College

April 12-76

Rev. E. Sampson

Dear Sir

Yours of 28<sup>th</sup> ult. was received yesterday. And in compliance with your request I send by this mail all of the Santa Barbara ferns that I have on hand. Of the Cheilanthes leucophaea I have a yet but two specimens one of which I send you. I am expecting to go in a few days to visit the rough land in which it grows, when I will try to secure more of it. It is



not plentiful. One Wood-  
wardia Radicans grows  
from two to eight or  
nine feet. The others also  
grow very large. I am  
intending to go east in  
June and will take with  
me some fine specimens  
of these two ferns (Wood)  
of the smaller forms, if possible.  
I will take some living plants.  
They seem difficult of growth  
or long sent through the mail.  
Should you be at the  
convention you may find  
me at my mother's residence  
824 North 7th St. Philadelphia  
and there get the plants.  
Should I have time to go  
as far as Boston. I will  
be happy to carry them to  
you. Anything that I

can do to assist you in  
your contributions to Science  
I will gladly do. At  
present my duties at the  
Santa Barbara College prevent  
me from doing much.  
Before going east. I  
will try to write again.  
In the meantime  
Believe me Yours Truly  
Wm. P. Cooper

I have sent you eleven  
specimens. Those so far as I  
know, are the only known  
ferns of Santa Barbara.  
I wish there was more  
definiteness respecting their  
names. Dr. Kellogg of  
San Francisco is my authority  
for the names of five  
attached to this collection.  
Perhaps you can enlighten me

the subject. Wm. P. Cooper



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