

Join the fence we have just
signed and I have signed at hand.

Manchester Mass

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Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

I thank you for
the fine specimens of *Asp. Crist*
var Clint. It differs very
widely from a plant which
I had in my green house and
which Dr Gray called *Asp. C. var*
Clint. I feel very much indebted
to you for the "Flora of Medford"
I have read it with much interest
and found it to contain the best
description of Am ferns I have
ever seen. It shows its author
to be a close observer and a most

Wade through the Essex woods and Magnolia Swamp
with me. You could take the 7.15 or 11.15 a.m. train from
B and I would meet you at the Manchester Station
and we would have a day of it" and you could
return at 5.10 P.M. - I could show you some
choice spots and you would find some things
that I have overlooked I do not doubt.

I think there is the most wonderful variety
of the flora of this vicinity - that I have ever found
near the ocean. I have been from home a large
share of the time this Spring and found little time
for my ferns and now turn toward them with sharpened
appetite. Yours Res & J Winand Benoit

careful and pains taking lover
of the "flowerless beauties". I shall
cut the articles out, paste them
in a book and consider them
my best help in this line of
study.

I notice that you say that
you never saw *Asp. Thelypteris*
growing in a marsh. I think you
must mean a salt marsh, for
my impression is that its choice
location is a fresh water marsh
as distinguished from a swamp and
that it has long stems in the
latter locality only, where it pushes
up its head through the shrubs
and rank vegetation to get at the
sun which it must have. But
I shall look this up more
carefully - I could enjoy a
"field day" with you in this vicinity
very much. In these dull times
can't you spare a day for a



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