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Manchester by the
sea -
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Mr. Geo. E. Davenport
Boston

Dear Sir

I am as much
in doubt as you are about
Prof Eaton or Myrsin - I have
noticed that nothing is more
constant about forms than
color under the same circumstances.

For instance in Florida the
Acpd Cristatum var *Floridanum*
has a peculiar and indescribable
green one of the most beautiful
I know of in the whole range
of the vegetable kingdom - This green
is somewhat changed under glass
at the North but every specimen
is changed. Now the whitish

green plant that Eaton calls Ch. My.
is not Fendlerii or my rule about
colors of ferns, has a most marked
exception -

I was at the Hort Rooms
Tuesday looking at the specimens
you have marked Ch. Cooperii,
and they seemed to me to be
Ch. Velttei young plants - Mr Hitchings
was present and at first sight
he declared they were not Cooperii
but after further examination said
they might be young plants but
that some specimens just rec'd
by him from Mr Cooper were
quite unlike them

Yours Res'
J. M. Coulter

I would like a day with you and
Mr Robinson in Memphis if all things



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