

taking the children into
the country for a "play spell"
where they can have a boat
row & bathe, to their hearts
content, I cannot devote
all my spare time to
botany. There are so many
subjects that I wish to
study into. We wish very
much to get our scientific
societies together, not as
a large society, but as
sections, self governed & yet
each working for the good of
the whole - hoping thereby
to reach a larger number
of people - and giving them
the benefit of our work.

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Dear Mr Davenport.

Your kind letter of
June 28 came duly to hand.
The *Polyschiums* were all
collected by Professor Dudley.
Those partially pressed near
here. The others near Ithaca.

The former looked to me
somewhat like *P. Matricariifolium*.
Prof. D. thought they might
be - simplex. could they
be Lunaria? The fresh ones
from Ithaca, looked to me
a little like Lunaria. &
a little like simplex.
I could not form a decision.

On Monday last we
visited the Gelder's Farm
and collected ~~unmistakable~~
Linaria, or at least the
other ladies did, I had
my two youngest daughters,
7 & 6 years of age - and so
could not botanize, not
being able to do two things
at one time. Professor Dudley
was delighted with the
place. We are very fond
of him, he is a pure minded
gentleman & a good botanist,
he stayed with us as he did
once before - & I did not
wish to let him go away.

Now that Mr Myers is in
business in Buffalo, my
life is a divided one.
When I am here I wish to
be with my husband -
when in Buffalo I long
for the children, so I am
really contented nowhere,
were it not that I can
pursue my selfish botanical
and other pursuits, I could
not live, yet my time
is sadly broken up with
added family care - & a
constant feeling of fatigue,
as you say, I never feel
rested. I intend soon

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We could begin with a
botanical section, a
geological section, & a
microscopical section,
Our first step will be to
induce a sufficient number
of gentlemen of means,
to guarantee a rental of
suitable rooms. Then we
can establish memberships
or something of the sort
to furnish money - & I
think when we show what we
have done and can do,
a good many of our people
will be interested to help
us along. I am anxious

To place our section on a basis
where, when the few workers
now among us, drop out,
more will arise to carry
on the work. I feel the strain
of holding up our club,
and wish very much
we had more workers.
Most of our club members
think as I do, a few
I think will object to
an organization.

I now my friend I must
close - with kind regards

Yours sincerely

Frances J. Myers.



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