

New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park,  
New York City.

January 10th, 1906.

Prof. J. F. Collins,  
Brown University,  
Providence, R. I.

My dear Prof. Collins:-

The second part of the Flora of North America has just been issued and Professor Underwood, Doctor Evans and I have had a meeting and talked over matters as a preliminary for volumes 14 & 15 which are to include the mosses and hepatics. I am writing now to my bryological correspondents to know how much help we may count on and in what families of mosses, principally in the acrocarpus to start with.

We have had a card catalogue made from Engler & Prantl Pflanzenfamilien including all the mosses of Greenland, North America, Central America and the West Indies and it looms up as quite a task.

I write to ask you whether you would be willing to take any part and whether your duties at Brown University would permit of your planning to come here for a month or so during the year and take work under one of our free scholarships. They pay \$50.00 and the completed pages of the North American Flora when printed pay \$2.00 per page. Dr. Best has indicated his preference for the families Bartramiaceae, Mniaceae and Polytrichaceae. Dr. True, I hope, will finish up his Dicranaceae and I want to do Fissidens, Orthotricheae and Grimmiaceae, but would be willing to give up any of these to any one else who chooses to take them and tackle the Tortulaceae, which everybody seems to be a little shy of. The only genera that I positively decline to do are Bryum and Sphagnum.



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I am enclosing a Dicranum, received from Miss Clarke,  
which I did not have from Massachusetts.

Do please seriously take this matter into consideration  
and let me know whether you have any partiality for revising any particular  
group.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth G. Britton*



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