

206 Windsor Road,
Waban, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Collins

Are you interested in *Polytrichum*
that come from so far away as North
Greenland? I'm sending you a set
from some mosses that were sent to
Miss Kendall of Holden. She exhibited
these specimens in big naturally
dried "bunks" at the New York meet-
ing and then turned them over to
me to distribute as I pleased. Out
of nineteen species, nine that I'm

sending you an *Polytrichum*, or
else have *Polytrichum* mixed with
some other moss. Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and
possibly 8 and 12 I think are the
same, but as they came in separate
pieces I have not mixed them. I
have examined these and wonder
if they are not *P. hypnobryum*. I
used Mr. Fries' book for descriptions
as I had nothing better. The longer
growth in Nos. 1, 2, and 3 I am not
so sure about. It is interesting to
see how compact the growth is in
all these runs — as if they had to
cuddle together to keep warm.

We all had such an interest.

ing time at the snow melting in New-York. I so
wish you might have been with us. Mr. Cham-
berlain should feel gratified that the melting
was such a success. Dr. Hunt pronounced it
the best he had ever attended.

Trusting you will not make it a burden to
examine these mosses, and wishing you a
happy pleasure New-Year, I am

Very sincerely yours
Oligotrich M. Dunham

(Miss Frances E. Dunham)



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