

NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB

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My dear Collins:

You will be glad to know that enough subscriptions have come in for the Club Journal to warrant the Council's appointing an Editorial board. This board consists of D. C. Robinson as Editor in Chief, and Frank S. Collins, Hallett Webster & myself as associates.

So I am beginning my work by casting about a little for articles. It seems to me a good idea to let the members know that the Journal is practically assured, so that they can be ready to note down every thing of interest which they come across during the summer. What we want is brief pithy articles from a few lines to 5 or 6 pages in length, the articles to contain at least a suggestion of some new discovery. The policy of the immediate board of eds. is going to be to write up in brief or if necessary longer notes whatever of real interest

comes in their way. For instance in my Brookton
trip I explored for plants a lake shore which is
composed almost entirely of pure lime. The
vegetation was interesting to me & I have noted
the essential points which I can work into a
short paper when I get a chance to write it out.
I found a number of common so-called "poison"
plants used as food by the French in Madawaska.
Such a note ought to be in print. So I hope
you will keep accumulating notes and articles
& if others will do the same we ought to have
a successful and readable journal.

Wouldn't an account of "Cat Swamp" and its
changes in a few years make a good five page
article? We shall make up the first number
by the middle of November. Hope we shall
have some of your material from which we
can draw for an early number.

I must confess that I haven't yet got Stekera
simply because I haven't been where I could find
any. It sounds funny I know but the snowdrifts
were so thick in the woods that I devoted myself almost
entirely to the shores where there were few trees. It is
common enough about Orono & I will certainly get you some in early Sept.
Sincerely M. L. Fernald.



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