

Gray Herbarium



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As you know, the work of the Committee on the Flora of Massachusetts dragged during the period of the war and since, largely through my own lack of time to get back into harness again. At the last meeting of the Council of the Botanical Club a committee of three members of the Council was appointed with power to look into the needs of the flora and revive the committee as an active committee. The three of us, Messrs. Deane, Knowlton and myself met last evening and canvassed the situation.

We find what I had forgotten, that in pre war days the committee card indexed several of the Massachusetts local floras, and of course we have the rough carbon copies of the material in the Club Herbarium and in the Gray Herbarium covering the groups into the Polypetales. These went out to members of the committee, several of whom annotated them and returned them; others have not yet come back. There is still a good deal of card indexing of the data in floras of limited areas and in periodical literature before we shall be in position to draw the matter into actual form for publication. Two of the members of the Committee on the Flora of Massachusetts, Gentlemen Hoffmann and Linder have removed from the region, although Linder, of course, may return, but it seemed to the committee of the Council that the practical way was to ask the resident members of the committee, Gentlemen Churchill, Forbes, Grigg, Sanford and Winslow to meet at the Club Herbarium Friday evening next (February 15) at 7:30 so that we can look over the material already in hand and revive the work for actual publication. Friday evening is selected because that is the time for one of the regular evenings working on the Club Herbarium and members are more apt to be coming this way at that time. We can then determine an afternoon or evening which will be most convenient for a committee meeting for further work upon the flora and dissolve as a Committee on the Flora of Massachusetts and help in the distribution of specimens in the Club Herbarium.

Sincerely yours,

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