

Springside,  
Middlebury, Vermont.      April 18, 1904.

Dear Dr. Kennedy:-

I have looked over your plants from Willoughby recently sent me. The Viola is what I called V. venustula in my Rhodora paper, but I fear it is hardly distinct from V. affinis, LeConte, or what they are calling that in the Middle States. This I suspected when I wrote the article; and since seeing these plants at Washington, my suspicions have grown into a conviction. Pending a discussion of this subject, I have retained V. venustula in the "supplementary list," adding "hardly distinct from V. affinis, LeConte."

The Potamogeton I should call P. heterophyllus; the submerged leaves are not broad enough for P. Zizii, and in other slight features it fails to correspond to a specimen of P. Zizii that I have from Morong. The two species are indeed very close both in fruit and in foliage.

Your letter of Saturday came this morning. I sent you all the specimens that I had of Calamagrostis, for your opinion of them. I confess I have improperly used my exchange labels on some of the specimens placed in my own herbarium. But I shall be very glad to have you keep all but the plants collected by Prof. Jones. Mr Bates was almost careless collector, and used to send me a lot of unnamed material without date or station. I occasionally mounted some of the rarer things. His Calamagrostis was probably from Willoughby.

I looked for you after the meeting April 1st, and was sorry to have seen so little of you. I am glad to know that my conclusions regarding violets commended themselves to you. I have done some hard work on this problem, and hope to get to the bottom, before I stop.

Yours faithfully,

Ezra Brainerd.

Thanks for the "addenda" from Willoughby. They are all inv. <sup>other</sup> than from Eggleston I suspect you would omit.



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