

Springside,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Jan 16. 1914.

My dear Mr. Deane:

Your letter of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> + the tables regarding  
V. eri-carpa vs. V. pubescens were duly rec'd. I then  
expected soon to go to Cambridge; but have had to  
defer my trip two or three times; once because of <sup>the</sup> serious  
illness of a young man in our family who did the chores.  
He was moved last Sunday to a Hospital. Then the cold  
wave has made me delay till next Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>; ~~then~~  
I shall hope to get away.

Your work is (as it always is) most thorough + exact.  
It will be of much service; + we shall have an interesting  
paper for Rhodora. It shows impressively the importance of ~~having~~  
~~upon~~ characters for differentiating species by characters that are  
not affected by environ<sup>ment</sup>. When so affected, they are rather  
"fluctuations," not characters.

I have twenty or thirty sheets of "yellow stemmed violets"  
from the middle West (Indiana to Kansas + Okla.) that I have  
been examining. They tell the same story that those of Eastern  
Mass. do. But V. pubescens is rather uncommon except in  
the northeastern United States.

Have been much absorbed in the study of Rubus. Have  
mounted about 200 sheets this winter. Some most interesting  
hybrids from Vermont. — Lots of work yet to do! I will be  
after we are gone! — Regards to Mrs. Deane.

Faithfully Yrs.

Ezra Brainerd.



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