

from ~~these~~ Lexington, Va.

yours sincerely -

J. R. Churchill -

Regards to Miss Brown

Dorchester July 31, 1924

I thank you, my dear Brother  
Walter, for your double recog-  
nition of my seventy-ninth  
birthday - the attractive little  
book with its appealing title "Re-  
creation" and your card of sym-  
pathy upon the mournful occasion.  
Your reminder of the comparatively  
slight difference in our respective  
ages and the pen & ink illustration  
of us are characteristic & amusing.  
At the same time the increasing  
list of dear friends - botanical and  
otherwise - who have closed their  
course before me - makes your com-  
munication & sympathy much more  
grateful ~  
As I told you in my last letter I am  
beginning to prefer to stay here at home

even in this midsummer vacation season and even when rise visions of plants that are new to me & that call to me from places hitherto unvisited. And I now realize the uselessness of it all and the hopelessness of any result or gain -

But thoughts for an outing are just now turning to Hopewington in the mountains of Virginia! It so happens that Mary Eushing has some nieces & friends who live there and with whom she can stay, if - as of old - I undertake to go off for a whole day in the woods & fields there - We hope that Anna also will go with us & find pleasant occupation for a brief stay there!

She may find birds there whose association & identification will reconcile her to want of home comforts & friends here. And too my interest and the old passion may revive -

I have now at last - labeled the last of my plants of last summer - those from the "highbury valley" in Eastern Pennsylvania. I am just beginning to put some of them in the mounting box for Miss Anderson - and then what, and where are they to go? But I am not thinking of that, nor of what shall be done with many duplicates and many not kept. I shall have to talk this over next winter with you, who alone will appreciate my problems. So my next letter to you may be



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