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My dear Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 8 received. Thanks!
I thank you for the plants, too, sent by Mr
Fernald. They were all what I could expect
from that party, and more, some specimens
of the very rarest that I would never get
from another botanist. And the preserving work
was excellent, as usual.

In regard ^{to} the plants which you already
received, I think that *Equisetum laevigatum*
has to be changed to *E. robustum* A. Br.

I sent to day by express prepaid
another package of plants, as I was afraid
of giving them away to some other party
if I kept them longer. Among them 11
sheets were named, and 20 not named. You

promised to be kind enough to tell me the names of the plants, and I have numbered them from 1 to 20 and mounted them, in order not to get anything mixed up. Some of them are not complete, but they ^{are} all what I have of these species, and I can collect all of them easily next year if they are worth the trouble. So I don't wish them returned, only named by the numbers. You keep for yourself what you wish. If you care for any of them I will furnish the necessary informations in regard to collection time, place, a.s.f. No 20 I examined and found to be *Glyceria grandis* Watson, but I got one from Mr Ternald looking somewhat different, so I might be mistaken. No 14 and 15 grow on the same railroad banks, but the leaves have a quite different form. No 13 is growing in the plowed section line on the prairie, not far from Towner. No 8 is growing on the prairie, No 3 in a thicket.

In regard to the named plants, I happened to find a couple of *Ranunculus Macounii* last September, who were very elegant, and I sent one of them. Don't say that it is *R. Pennsylvanicus*, because it is not! — *Spocynum hypericifolium* Ait. is a separate

species from *A. canadense*, because it has a different formation of the leaves. The difference is constant, which authorizes the differentiation. - You don't expect to find *Polygonum scandens* L. in N. Dak.?
Those three *Gentiana acuta* are all what I got.

The plants not named either differ from their relatives in the books more or less, or I have ^{been} unable to find anything similar, or I had no occasion to examine them when fresh. I hate to apply a name to a grass that I never saw before, if I cannot examine it fresh, especially as I am working in a region hitherto unknown, or nearly so, to the botanist.

Now, I hate to cause you some trouble, but I think that the work will be interesting

to you. Looking for a favorable reply
from you I am

very truly yours
J. Lunell.

P.S. I am exchanging with Dr. Eames.
Dr. Brainerd did not answer — yet.



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