

Spore which is 5
Wrote to you from your own
house of them yellow, and all very
pretty. The largest *Viola labata*, *Viola*
chrysantha, *V. glabella*. I do not know
the name of the one having a com-
pound pinnate leaf, & which I like
you saw with Dr. Gray, ^{perhaps it is the one}
more than any of them. We have two
blue ones. One of them has a very long
spur. The white Violet, & one white
& lilac, with compound pinnate
leaves, very beautiful & very rare
also.

It is too late to find any lilies to
send you. I went yesterday & dug some
bulbs of *Emotherium*, & our three Cali-
cortus to send to Mr. C. S. Pringle (of
whom you speak). Some one must have
referred him to me, as I have had two
letters from him. They came in the same
mails that brought me your two.

I have a box of five different kinds of
Ferns to send him & am going to

of Darlingtonia, or *Wolfe*
think I am not sure the rock
that I call them, & do not
down as the above or over, as
or grass to be of plants as

C 1 Butterfly Valley Cal,
Nov. 24th 1875.
Mr. Davenport.

Dear sir,

I am
happy that you were well pleased
with your plants, & hope you may
succeed in growing *Darlingtonia* in
Mass. I will send you half dozen
strong plants, to set with your
Sarcocornias, & do not see, why they
would not grow. I believe they will,
if planted in the running water
from a cold spring, with plenty
of moss & gravel about the roots. They
thrive well here, when pulled up &
thrown back into running water,
any time in the year. I have not
succeeded in making them grow in

boxes, and have not heard of them being successfully cultivated in that way, though I know of a number of persons who have made the attempt and failed. They must be kept cold, as the springs in which they grow, are almost like ice water.

I have no nice specimens of Botrichium. It was too dry this year for them. I only found three in (fruit?) and have sent them away. I send you some leaves & four other ferns, Aspidium munitum, & three others which I have not had named. We have only six or seven different kinds of ferns in this valley, but I can get most of the ferns of Cal. and send you, as I have made arrangements to exchange specimens with persons living in different

parts of the state. I am so happy to think you are going to send me ferns, & I will try to repay your kindness, by sending you as nice specimens of living & dried plants as this part of Cal. affords.

Our mutual friend, Mrs. Ames has visited ^{me} every year, for three years past, and has promised to come again with the flowering of Darlingtonia. She is an excellent botanist and a true woman.

I send you a package of dried ^{only} plants. Some of them are not perfect specimens. I have sent away eight sets this season, selecting the nicest each time. I send you these in order that you may know the kinds. I have & tell me those most desired by you.

We have seven, & perhaps eight different kinds of violets growing wild here



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George Edward Davenport correspondence

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