

for botanical treasures our wild woods
and mountain tops? To me half the
pleasure of that Botany affords consists
in making the acquaintance of plants in
their native haunts and then learning
from them their curious properties, — the
particular surroundings and special
associates they choose. Among all the
joys which my chosen occupations yield
I think I know of none quite so deep and
pure as those which a day in the deep
mossy woods, by the ^{silent} margin of some
blue lake, or on the wild, lone rock
of some mountain summit, confers on the
true student of nature.

As respect the flora of British Am-
erica, which I hope to live long enough
to explore, the work of Hooker, Flora
Boreali-Americana, is something desirable
to study. I presume it is procurable in the
market. I am about to open correspondence
with some Canadian botanists, however.

Yours truly,

C. C. Pringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

January, 19th, 1874.

Mr. Geo. E. Sanborn,

My Dear Friend:

The liberal manner in
which you share with me your choicest
plants surprises me, almost as much as it
gratifies me; but I cannot consent that
you should again detract from the value
of the specimens designed for your own
herbarium, in order that you may furnish
me with even so rare acquisitions.

I thank you for the frequent favors
which place me under constantly increasing
obligations to you; and regret that your
kind New Year wishes. I hope the plants,
which you have shown so much enthusiasm
in placing in Massachusetts soil, will not
fail to glorify you many times during
the coming season. I expect the next

warmer will prove a very busy one to me,
and much depends upon its being a
successful one also. Beside my usual cares
and labors, I have to grow a large
quantity of potatoes of a new variety of my
own originating (a cross between the Exeter
and the Early Rose) which the Messrs. Bliss
of New York are about to introduce to
the public. I have in prospect the
change of the Horticultural department
of our University of Vermont and State
Agricultural College, and the formation
of horticultural and experimental grounds,
and something of a botanic garden, and
if this enterprise but bring me the pecuniary
reimbursements, which it was promised to do,
I shall have the much needed means
for preparing myself for these duties.

I mean to apply myself with still
greater diligence to my botanical studies,
and I am glad to receive the list of
plants which you desire. Your request for

plants will furnish me an extra incentive
to botanical work in our fields next
summer, which perhaps I may need.

A few days ago I sent you by mail
two boxes of plants which I was able to
gather during a tour. Of some of the
remaining plants of your list, I will be
able, I think to send you shortly a few
duplicates; but as the most of them
are not common plants here, it will
require, I presume, more than one season
containing to discharge your entire commission.
Do not for a moment suppose, however,
that it will be anything but a pleasure
to me to do this ~~as~~ as rapidly as I shall
be able.

Aplastrum lycopodi I have not yet met
with, but I doubt whether it is so rare
as long to escape my notice.

Will it be hoping for too improbable a
thing, if I permit myself to anticipate sharing
with you some day the delights of transacting



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