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My Dear Friend: At last I have found time to put up my season's quota of plants for your herbarium. All the summer I have been intensely busy. Farming, hybridization, the growing of stocks of my new plants which the Messrs. Bliss are putting before the public, the making up of several extensive collections of plants for my ^(have shipped more than half a ton) European and home exchanges, little of all which work I could trust in other hands, have compelled me to neglect too much my correspondence. For this neglect I shall make full amends the coming winter.

The season has been a fruitful one to me. Almost everything to which I have set my hand has prospered. For this and many more blessings my heart is full of gratitude this bright Thanksgiving day.

I often wonder why you have chosen me to be the recipient of so many rare and precious ferns, etc. I am sure that nothing which I have done (or can yet do) merits such lavish kindness.

you are making me a Botanist. It is
two years only since I received your first request
for ferns. Then I set out for the woods with
my "Manual" in hand not knowing, I believe,
the name of a single fern. Already I have
collected with my own hands every fern
in Vermont with three or four exceptions.

I have to thank you expressly for the
very much esteemed contributions to Dr. Hooker's
collection received from you.

Acting upon your suggestion I have
made an urgent request to Dr. Hooker for
Botrych - bonaria; and I feel confident so great
is his kindness that we shall receive specimens,
if the New Herbarium contains Asplenium which
can be spared. Dr. Hooker has sent me a very
full and valuable collection of Dry, a genus of
which he says he hears there is no good collection
in America.

Could I not join you and share with
you the expense of your fern collection? I
suppose I shall want to make arrangements
this winter for obtaining for New Gardens a great
many species of the rarer N. Am. ferns in a
living state.

Next week I am to visit New York and
vicinity: what if I should come home via Boston
and call on you?

Yours truly, C. G. Pringle.



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