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Chihuahua,

19. Sept., 1886.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I rejoiced the other day to read your kind letter of August 24th forwarded to me here by Fed. I presume that he in writing you informed you of my setting out the third time for Mexico and of my good assistant of last year bearing me company.

We have been here three weeks, and are having fair success, though vegetation is only about half as vigorous as last year. It is very different as respects species and their behavior. In the U.S. every plant flowers year by year near a certain date; here everything depends upon the

rains, which are as fickle as fortune.

The other day we went by train to Mapula a bare lone station on the plain fourteen miles to the south; thence a walk of three hours brought us to the highest peak of the Santa Eulalia Mts., a vast chaos of pinnacles and cliffs, which I barely reached at the close of last season, but did not explore. This time we were able to spend some three hours there before returning to the evening train home; and on the north walls of the great peak I found two ferns not collected by me before. Here I send bits for name. The Cheilanthes seems not to agree with my recollection of C. tenuifera.

Germino now being captive it is hoped, that the terrible Apache scourge inflicted on these regions since their earliest settlement (time has been when it was unsafe for Mexicans to go a mile beyond the limits of this city,) is at an end; if so, there is

a rich and vast region opened to explora-
tion; and I hope following years will compen-
sate for the disappointment and loss of this.

From the inhabitants of northern and
western Chihuahua there is little danger.
Hundreds of Americans are travelling and
living in the region in safety.

There is much fever here both typhoid
and malarial; so we have to exercise
care.

Only a few weeks remain till the close of
the season. Still planning a trip to the Sierra
Madre, the poor Mexican fears about the
only Cuyboar now; if I go, I aim for a
wonderful canyon and its ferns.

Glad you had a good vacation. Yes,
out-door life would be the thing for you.
Can it be planned?

Stopping to get a letter again soon while here,
I remain, Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.

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