

My health is much better.

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My Dear Mr. Davenport,

I owe you an apology for my long delay in answering your notes, but the fact is that besides being very much out-of-sorts, I have waited for the *Athyrium* fronds to become dry in order that I might send you a pkge at the same time. That I wrote you. Today I have put up the pkge & it will go to mail with this. The cultivated fronds are not a great success, the two largest being what I have called *forma Hillii*. But you will find some much better specimens in another sheet, one being the tip end of a large frond with indusia which I think will show the character very nicely. I came upon it when looking over my duplicates, not knowing that I had such a specimen. There is also a full frond of *Athyrium cyc. strictum* with red stem, besides several small fronds in different stages of growth, the cultivated one that is not yet unrolled being particularly interesting. I have also enclosed a

specimen of Lycopodium Chamaecyp. from our N.Y. state station, which I am offering to the Chapter in the next Bulletin.

I congratulate you on settling the question of N. mohrioides in favor of Eaton. That is the way it will have to stand, & I half suspected so before I put it as Lemmonii. The presumption was however that Wm. had seen good specimens of the original plant; & as I had not, I was unable to dispute him. Besides, Lemmon was so sure about it, that it was almost impossible for me to do otherwise than as I did. Perhaps the reason why you have not heard from Wm. is because he has been absent from home - somewhere in the west - for quite a time. I had a line from him today saying he was on his way home & might stop over to see my Botrychia. So I rather expect him here tomorrow A.M. but do not imagine he will stay long. Ever Sincerely Yours J.D. Gilbert



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