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My Dear Mr. Davenport;

I have certainly been very remiss in allowing your interesting letter of a month ago to remain so long unanswered. But I have not been well, & have been away from home twice meanwhile, which has largely taken up my time. My Throat trouble has been diagnosed by a specialist in N.Y. & another in Utica as rheumatic, & as I have suffered from it ever since last fall, it is not to be dislodged in a hurry. There is no cough connected with it & I have actually gained a little in weight this summer, but the throat is very uncomfortable & harassing all the same. I have been to The North Woods twice, in hopes of some improvement, but the excessive dampness of the weather made those experiments a failure, & the last time I came home



I was worse off than when I went.  
However, I am now under a regular  
course of treatment & am glad to  
say that within the last few days  
I can feel a decided improvement.

Dr. Waters has requested me to  
forward to you the enclosed photos  
for your inspection. They are by no  
means the first of his which I have  
seen, & in my humble opinion they  
represent the sori better than any  
illustrations I know of, unless it be  
those in Hook. & Bauer's *Genera*. I simply  
cannot understand how such things  
can be made with a camera. I sup-  
pose he has written you that he would  
like to have these returned to him.

As for Underwood, no doubt he  
feels that the whole brunt of his nomi-  
clature must fall upon himself, & it  
makes him cross-grained to be opposed, -  
the more so because the opposition car-  
ries so much weight. That does not justify  
him in being ungentlemanly however.  
You take the right course in ignoring him  
personally entirely. I am very anxious to see  
your paper on *Nephrodium*. When will it appear?  
Sincerely Yours B. D. Gilbert



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