

root at the nodes - a point which I may have overlooked - or which may not prevail.

all the British books which I have consulted include *Lasia annula* - a form which I have never satisfactorily differentiated - I wonder if you know it. It approaches & resembles *L. dilatata* - but in the herbarium specimens I have seen with the two labels, I fail to see the distinctions. There are many things reported here which seem to be rare with the British student.

Historically - this region has a striking and interesting back ground - Indeed we are impressed with this in all Ireland as we see it - The museum in this city is very rich in illustrations of the early status of the people during the Stone and the Bronze "ages" - and later - and its castles - some of which are kept in repair - date from the 10th century (and earlier) to the 15th & 16th later - We were at Howth Castle yesterday - an interesting example of 13th Century work - and still the home of the family then occupying it. All goes well - we are to return to England by rail from Liverpool in time to bring home about Sept. 1st - Mrs. Ware joins me in cordial messages to Mr. Deane and yourself - Sincerely yours Robert A. Ware

I think the "ling" - 17 to 20 years as is generally in West Downland means I am not mistaken. It is not yet in flower. I have found the leaves in the flower this purple - a pinkish hairy grey



Sunday afternoon
July 27. 1913

SHELBOURNE HOTEL,
DUBLIN.

My Dear Mr. Deane.

My wife and I have established ourselves for the afternoon on the moor on Howth - or Hill of Howth - a promontory connected with the mainland by a narrow isthmus. All about us are the gorse - and the Purple heather - of which I enclose bits - From our elevation we overlook the waters of Dublin bay and Irish Channel, although our views are of limited range because of the haze which prevails.

Over the headland, its moors and summits - I have spent parts of three days. Easily accessible as it is from the city - one is quickly by steam train, trolley and his own feet - isolated and remote - Now we are basking in the warm

Sunshine while refreshed with
the breezes from the sea - And this
"warm sunshine" has a different
meaning ~~from~~ with us - from that
which it may convey to you -
For much or experience in the
weather here has meant "cold - and
dull - and damp day" - Always
my overcoat is at hand and it is
much worn -

Over these moors sheep and
horses and goats are grazing -
a few birds are flitting nimbly
about and we hear the distant
lowing of cattle and the still more
distant sound of the bog signal across
the water -

One of my days here about I
spent much of the time about
the cliffs by the shore - which are
high and steep. I had hoped to
see *Asplenium marinum* - and
sure enough I found it. It delights
to establish and maintain itself in
sheltered rock caves close by the water

where it may be touched with
salt spray - and out of the reach of
the human seeker.

Although with an area of but
some fifteen square miles - there occur
on the promontory more than half -
if I am not mistaken in my remembrance
of the statements of a local flora I
have seen - as many species as
are furnished by the whole of Ireland!
There is considerably variety in condi-
tions - sea - rock - sand - salt -
fresh water marsh - uplands &
lowlands - with the greatest elevation
560 ft. From here are reported
hypopodinium delaps - but the representa-
tives of the *pteridophytes* are not very
numerous. I was interested to find
what I take to be *Ranunculus Flammula* - which I never have seen
growing - It appears to be so different
in habit from our variety - at home -
being more erect - much larger - reaching
a height of a foot to a foot & a half.
And I have seen no disposition to



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