

ments about the Mosses.
The Characeae I shall
have to attend to myself
for being buttle I cannot
trust any one else to
arrange them. The life
of one in charge of a
large herbarium, you
will see, is full of
surprises many of which
are not altogether agreeable.

Yours, very truly,
W. G. Zanen.

Cambridge
Dec. 8,
1914.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am greatly
obliged to you for
the information you
sent in regard to Mrs.
Dunham and Miss Kendall
as well as for the
valuable advice you
gave me on Friday in
regard to the disposition
of our bryological collections.

On Monday I went
through all the packages
on the table which you
thought were lichens
in order to see whether

Miss McKesson could
arrange them and, if so,
about how long it
would take. It is
lucky that I did for
I found unexpected
things. Perhaps a third
of the packages were
lichens. Then came some
packages of fine specimens
of Characeae and all
the rest were mosses
including some of Herk,
James with a number
of good things from
Lindberg and a package
of mosses of the Oregon
Boundary Survey and
of the Palisier & Beckwith

to British North America.
The latter were valuable
and had come from
New but I have not
yet found out whether
they ~~came~~ were sent
to James, or Prof. Gray.
I shall compare them
with the Gray and James
mosses and, if already
represented in those
collections, I shall
have this newly found
set passed in a book
and kept with an eye
to future exchange.

Miss McKesson
is now at work on
the lichens and when
she is done, I shall
proceed to make arrange-



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