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Dear Dr. Kennedy,

yours of the 20th is here. It is too bad to go away on a holiday and have bad weather, it is so much more comfortable at home. But if you found some good mosses in fruit you will be amply repaid, I think. I have just had Mr. & Mrs. Grout and Mr. Howe (Mr. Grout's College chum who is studying the Hepaticae with Prof. Underwood) down here to spend Sunday with us, and we looked over the proofs of his Ph. D. thesis together and corrected them for the printer. They are to be in the next memoir of the T.B.C. Mr. Grout has accepted a position to teach botany in Prof. Osborne's family for July, and will not be at Willoughby on the 6th & 7th, I fear. He is to be at one of the N.H. High Schools this next winter, and will have considerable time for moss-work. I have handed over to him that interesting question as to whether E. cirre-
sum and Eurhynchium Tommassini of Eu. are the same as H. Brandegeei and H. Coloradense of Austin. From a superficial examination, I think they are. You will find that many continental bryologists separate Grimmia rivularis from G. apocarpa, and I think correctly. Mr. Collins found it in Maine, and thought at first it was a Scouleria, and sent me his drawings and specimens, but corrected himself before I had a chance to answer his letter. I have told Miss Vail, one of our Torrey Club members who is to be in New England this summer that you want N.E. Mosses, and she has promised to get some for you. I think you are entirely too modest about taking certain genera as your own. Why don't you take Grimmia, for instance? I have lots of tough knots there in that genus, and quantities of material waiting to be studied. I also have Zetterstedt's revi-

sion of the genus, and three Adirondack species from the tops of Marcy, Mc. Intyre and Whiteface that Puzzle me, besides one of Austins species from Brandegees Colorado collections to be figured, and a lot of Rocky Mountain material from Leiberg and Williams awaiting study. Does not this sound tempting? And I know there are a lot of Kindberg's new species to be demolished and Mullers to be lobed into, so you see there is room for some good work. I have still Mnium unfinished, and I fear, as I cannot get anyone else to do it for me, I shall have to tackle that awful genus Bryum, and put my eyes out and sorely try my patience trying to find out whether they are monoicous, or Dioicous et c. There are also all those hateful Barbular, Desmatodons, and Didymodons to be studied critically yet, besides ever so many of the Hypnaceae. Dr. Best is forging ahead on the Leskeaceae, and Mr. Grout's next genus is Eurhynchium. As soon as I get the rarer Brachytheciums and Eurhynchiums in order, I am going to have sent down here to me all the Harpidiiums, and send duplicates of them abroad to Renauld for revision and putting them in shape. Then there will be the true Hypniums only to handle, and I think those are rather nice. Dont You?

With kindest regards to Mrs. Kennedy, believe me very truly,

Elizabeth G. Britton.

What was the occasion at Mr. Sargent's that you referred to as regretting not having seen Mr. Britton. I did not hear of it. E.GB



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