

Salmon, Mass. May 2, 1904

Dear Dr. Kennedy,

Thanks for the
Five Dollars, which has been
placed to your credit.

I am sorry the *Chara contraria*
broke loose, for I try to have the
specimens all properly attached.
Characeae are among the most
difficult things I have to deal with;
they are so brittle; if thoroughly glued
down, it is hard to get good pieces for
the necessary microscopic study.

The Willoughby specimens are
interesting; the smaller I think
must be a form of *Chara fragilis*.

at home, & leave the Characeae for people who
are interested in inland Floras.

I should be very

glad of a lot of either of the forms you send, but
it is no small matter to prepare a set of 85

specimens of such intractable things, and make sure
that fruit is properly represented in each one. I

would be willing to do it myself, but could hardly
ask anyone else to do it.

Very truly

Frank S. Collins

but I could find no fruit: I have
a *C. fragilis*, quite like it, collected
by the Tans, "pond near Lake
Willaughby", which I think must
be the same locality as yours.

The larger plant resembles the
other, but it is considerably encrusted
with lime, which I believe is quite
unusual with this species. It has
plenty of oogonia, but I could find
no antheridia.

I wish I had the time & the
money to go round hunting for
Characeae, one season at least: there
are so many forms, and I have
had no real chance to study them:
but I have always felt that I
must use my vacation on the
sea-coasts, with which I am more



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