

Then I suggested your joining in  
the Newfoundland work, I was quite  
in earnest. The train leaves Boston  
Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 8 a.m.  
reaching South Sydney the next day at  
about 10 p.m. You go directly aboard  
the steamer and wake in the morning  
in Newfoundland (Port aux Basques).  
The tablelands there would delight you  
and, with a strong pair of boots which  
are essential, offer little difficulty.  
The only difficulty is flies and mosquitoes,  
so that we wear veils all the time.  
You'd better think of it seriously. Our  
address for the summer will be Petrie's  
Hotel, Birchy Cove, where we shall  
return to care for our collections.

14 Hawthorn St..  
Cambridge. June 10, 1911

Dear Dr. Kennedy:

I am, as you know, very  
much gratified by your most generous  
help, for I shall now be able to  
secure guides and other help, so that  
Wiegand and I can work simultaneously  
in different areas. For a short time,  
about four weeks, we expect to be  
joined by two friends from the Philadelphia  
Academy, Messrs Edwin Bartram (direct  
descendant from the old stock) and  
Bayard Long, both of whom are keen  
collectors and who will work under  
my direction so that we are to have  
all the collections at the Gray Herbarium  
— theirs as a series of their duplicates.  
Thus, with the assistance which  
you have furnished I shall be able to

carry out a plan I had practically abandoned - of having three parties out at once in different areas of similar character - for instance, one for a week on the Silurian limestone of Port a Port Bay, one on the Silurian along the Straits of Belle Isle, and the third on the same rock at the mouth of the Exploits. Then by making a similar joint attack on the granite mountains of different areas, the serpentines, diorites, sands, etc. we ought to accomplish a splendid lot of work which will show up later on.

I don't know whether I told you that you are listed for the first set of duplicates of last summer's collection - probably 600 species - but we still have a few difficult groups, Euphrasia, Alchemilla, etc. to

finish, so that the distribution of the duplicates is deferred to next winter.

Since we had our pleasant Sunday with you Margaret and I have been much disturbed about our younger baby, Mary, who has been suffering all the week from inflammation of the lower intestine. We have our efficient nurse in charge and a good doctor, so that we feel encouraged to think that the trouble will be speedily cured. It seems to be another trouble caused by unsatisfactory milk, which is making the milk problem a troubling one for young families. I am, therefore, slightly postponing the start for two foundations but if everything goes right we shall be in the field by the first of July.

Sincerely Yours,  
Maud A. Steward.



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