

So I beg you not to reply to
this note. The package will
reach you, for mail matter
does not get lost in this climate
any more than it did in
Paul Hamilton's time, and
that you are extremely obliged
and all that, cela va sans
dire.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

Springfield, Nov. 4. 1903.

Dear Dr. Kennedy,

I am glad to
put these cryptogams into
your safe keeping and hope
the time will come before
long when you can study
them yourself.

Mr. Craig sent me these
specimens in 1881 and I
passed them over to Professor
Eaton for names, keeping
a numbered duplicate for

of each one. When I sent
you the other lot. I forgot
these as I kept them in a
different place.

I should have enjoyed
going to Thurso, and seeing
the home of that wonderful
self-taught naturalist whose
name I forget, but Inverness
is the bound of my northern
travels in Scotland. In the beauti-
ful cemetery with the Gaelic
name which means "The Hill
of the Fairies" I saw white

heather, a fine plant, growing
on a grave. It was not an
albino of *Calluna* or *E. cinerea*
or *E. tetralix*, the common Scotch
heaths, and I thought it might
be the white species that
grows at Land's End, farther
out in Cornwall than I have
ever been.

I did not know before
you told me that you were
having trouble with your
eyes; I don't want to add
the least task to them,



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