

listener to what  
is going on,  
with kind regards.  
I am sincerely yrs

Readville, Mass.

12 Dec '04

Dear Dr Robinson  
Please accept  
my thanks for your  
kind answer to my  
really stupid  
question as to the  
publication of the  
last number of  
Rhodora.

I am very glad  
to hear that the  
New England Botanical  
Club are to ~~give~~  
hold a special  
meeting on Dec 31  
to welcome the  
visiting botanists  
of the Am. Association.

It is extremely kind  
of the committee of  
arrangements to  
ask me to make  
a few remarks on  
that occasion  
but they little know  
how impossible it  
~~would be~~ for me  
to do so; surely I  
would not have  
missed so many  
evenings of pleasant  
intercourse with  
the many friends  
I have in the Club  
~~could~~ <sup>had</sup> I have  
been able to endure  
the eye strain & head

trouble that is my  
penalty for venturing  
to attend the meetings  
and this must be  
my excuse now  
for my probable  
absence on that  
occasion.

But I hope to  
attend the daylight  
~~meetings~~ <sup>sessions</sup> of the  
Association, and  
thus meet many  
of the Botanists,  
but pray do not  
expect me to ~~take~~  
~~any part~~ be present  
in the evening or if  
I come, to be more  
than a ~~passive~~ <sup>silent</sup>



Farlow encourages me to think he will be one of these speakers. President Brainerd has consented to say a few words; presumably on New England as a field for further botanical exploration. Mr. F. S. Collins will, I believe, speak a few moments in light vein on the history of the New England Botanical Club.

The committee on arrangements hopes very much that you will be willing to speak a few moments. We would suggest as an appropriate theme some account of the earlier New England botanists, such as Cutler, Bigelow, Oakes, Boott, and Tuckerman. From experience I feel sure that no feature of such a gathering would be more welcome to the visitors from a distance. For instance if when the American Association met at New Orleans some local botanist had given us a little account of Josiah Hale, Ridley, or other early botanists and collectors in Louisiana, it would have been most interesting. We of other regions know of them only as names. There is every reason to suppose that our guests at the approaching meeting, many of whom will be of the younger generation, would ~~XXX~~ be similarly interested in hearing something of early botanical work in our region.

It is probable that Prof. Fernald and perhaps Prof. Ganong may also be asked to speak.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*B. L. Robinson.*

Dr.. George G. Kennedy.



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