

Springside,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

March 1, 1911

Dear Mr. Deane:

Your letter & the 3 specimens of *Viola* came this afternoon. I think you have named them all correctly. The obtuse, even rounded, sepals of the Willoughby plant show it to be *V. nephrophylla*; & I have both flowering & fruiting specimens from this station.

The villous spurred petal is somewhat unreliable. I have just been over my specimens of this species, & find on most Vermont specimens the villosity is often sparse. Of one of the flowers from Willoughby Mt. I had noted "spurred petal glabrous". On my specimens of no. 83 (*Distribula* 1910) the hairiness, is meager, but may be detected. Surely, your flowers though detached from the plant, grew on it. I often detach them when I am making several specimens, & press them in a separate collecting

sheet. In the specimens from Gaspe & in  
those from the west the villosity is more  
marked, often appearing on the two upper  
petals.

It would be a great pleasure to attend  
the Club Meeting next Friday evening.  
I should like very much to hear Hemmell's  
report, though he spent an hour showing  
me his plants.

In two weeks I hope to be on my  
way south, to be gone till about  
May 1<sup>st</sup>.

I wish mightily that I did not  
have to go alone.

Sincerely Yours,  
Ezra Brainerd.

I re-mail specimens.



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