

Springside,
Middlebury, Vermont. June 23. 1913

My dear Mr. Deane

I was much gratified to read your kind letter of June 15. My delay in answering is due to the busy days of Comm week. I quite agree with you + R. M. Harper, in deploring the lack of interest that is now prevalent regarding ^{the} systematic side of Botany. I have tried to steer a medium course in recognizing species in Viola; and those who may criticize me for admitting too many species, are fairly offset by those who find fault for my ignoring too many.

I am sending you by mail a fresh stem of Viola rugelosa ^{ex horto} from Ft. Snelling, Minn. that you may see the capsules. If you keep the plant in water for a few days you will get the ripe seeds. (Then, pods are erect) or you can press it + I will send you ripe seed later. I haven't any unmounted specimens of V. cucullata var microtitis. I think you could get it from Prof. Fernald.

I think I have duplicates of some of the six hybrids discussed in current Rhodora. You would be interested in visiting the station at Granny Hill, Lexington. Dr. Robinson + Mr. Forbes have both been there.

We are in condition to sympathize with you + Mrs. Deane in your recent sorrow. Mrs. Brainerd's mother, 86 years old, is very low, + hardly expected to live many days. Dr. Coolidge's hold on life has been most remarkable.

With kind regards, Sincerely Yours,
Ezra Brainerd.



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