

Middlebury Vt. Nov. 20, 1920

My dear Mr. Deane:-

I returned yesterday by parcels post your last summer's collection of Viola, with my opinion as to their names. They were substantially what you had previously sent me. I fear you cannot find V. <sup>blanda</sup> pallens at Philbrook Farm. Do you know its altitude above sea-level, or approximately the average summer temperature? In our Vt. mountains V. blanda does not ascend as high as V. pallens by about 2000 ft. I don't forget that in V. incognita var. Forbesii there seems to be some V. blanda blood. But, who knows how long ago & from whereabouts this came. It is very likely decades ago, so that, as the German botanists would say, the plant is now to be considered a well established "blend-species."

I notice the unexpected absence from your collections in Coos Co of V. Selkirkii & of all



the northern caulescent violets, *V. adunca* & *conspersa* *V. canadensis* & *V. pubescens*. Perhaps you have them, but understand them satisfactorily.

I fear that our good friend H. Schuyler Mathews is appalled by the number of line-drawings I want from him; but unless he is overwhelmed with other tasks or is suffering from ill health, he will be able to do the work. He should bear in mind that the reduction in size is to be made by the plate-maker & not by the artist, except in a very few cases when I would use figures from the Illustrated Flora.

Glad you are so well & comfortable in these stormy days. But you are several years my junior. I trust Miss Brown is still with <sup>you</sup>. With kind regards to both of you.

Faithfully Yours,  
Ezra Brauer.



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