

[from HL]

Middlebury Vt. Aug 29th 1921

My dear Mr. Deane: -

Your letter of Aug 27 just rec'd
Yes I am fairly well but terribly busy. Mrs. Brainard
has been for several weeks abed from "congestion of the
left lung." 3 1/2 pints of liquid serum were taken from
the pleural cavity, & she has since been under the
care of a trained nurse. I'm now slowly improving.

Send on the 6 violets from Miss Sheppard & I will
do my best with them. I should be glad to get the
Vol. you offer of *Fernace Variorum* Shakespeare, -
Richard III^d was it? which I see is lacking in my library.

Am working up an account of the three rarest
of western Violets: *V. trinervata* Howell, *V. Filletii* Piper,
V. septans Robinson (Mexican Border). All the specimens
of them in the Nat'l Hb. have been sent me. It is a
fascinating task, but - a task, I assure you.

Kind regards & best wishes to you & Miss Brown

Faithfully, Ezra Brainard.

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My Brother, Dr. John Brainerd, has had a hard time recovering from a surgical operation on a growth near the left eye. He is just getting around again, & may motor up this way. This reminds me that I have never replied to your kind offer of a photo of yourself & a hummingbird drinking out of a glass held in your hand! I wonder what was in the glass!! Should be much pleased to see this remarkable picture, either in sepia or in black, as you may decide.

The violet work is finished, except the 3 species now in hand,

Yours E. B.



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