

London, Sept. 19.

My Dear Deane:

Yours of the 5th reached me Monday morning. I am now busily engaged at Kew, with the caries. I am going through Dr. Boott's herb. particularly just now. It is interesting to find the originals of so many of our little known and puzzling species. *C. Racana*, for instance, which has perplexed me so long, is nothing more nor less than slender *C. monile*. Even such a familiar species as *C. cephaloides* must be overhauled. A year ago, I discovered that two things had been passed as this species, altho' no one has recognized the fact so far as I know. Boott's own herb. proves this conclusively. It is a great puzzle. The guess which I made in my last notes in Bot. Gaz. that Boott's first *C. aperta* is the plant known provisionally as *C. acuta* var. *prohisa* is correct, and I also find that the European var. *prohisa* is quite a different thing, as I had long suspected. So I shall raise the plant to specific rank as *C. aperta*.

But to tell you of these things would be to describe almost every thing I see in the Herbaria.

Dr. Britton and wife are here, but go

home in a very few days. I shall dine
with them to-night. Trelease is expected to
call here this week on his way from Berlin.

My trip so far has been a delightful one.
Every day has been as fine as one can ex-
pect of English weather. While in Wales I
visited Howarden castle, and saw Mr. + Mrs.
Gladstone + John Morley.

I hope to get through here next week,
and shall then go to Scotland.

Drop me a line often.

Yours
L. H. Bailey



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