

Clayville, N.Y., Jan. 29/01

My Dear Mr. Davenport,

I regret exceedingly to learn that you are again having trouble with your eyes, & especially that an operation has been necessary. But I trust that it has proved a success & that you are going to be less hampered by your eyes in the future.

I am writing more particularly today to tell you that I have prepared an article for the April No. of Fern Bull. on the varieties of Botrychium ternatum in Cent. N.Y. It is based on a collection of these plants made last October by Dr. Haberer of Utica, numbering over 450 specimens. They comprise four varieties, viz. obliquum, dissectum, intermedium, & what I have named var. Oneidense. I send you herewith what my article says about this form, and you can make such use of it as you see fit, if you choose to include it in your book. I shall also send you a specimen.

Quite recently I received in a small lot of ferns from Costa Rica

what seems to me to be genuine
Nephrod. Karwinskianum. You
know that Shimek (whose book I have
recently obtained) gives it as among
his Nicaragua plants. My specimens
are young, have very small sori, do not
show the indusium at all plainly,
& have pinkish costae & rachis, a fact
which nobody seems to mention in con-
nection with this species. Even Shimek
reports that "When growing, the stipe
was green, hairy & brown-scaly at base".
I can make nothing else out of my
specimens however, as they have the
decidedly deltoid shape, are cut as des-
cribed & are herbaceous & thin in texture.
Also they are about the right size, 12-15 in.

Now, if this is correct, I withdraw
all I had to say about the specimens
from Arizona. Those are not Karwinsky.
if these are. Then comes the question, what
are those? I can't see that they agree with
patulum at all. Wish you would look
them over pretty carefully before returning
& tell me how they compare with yours
from Arizona if you have any.

Clute informs me that he has rec'd many letters
from Underwood trying to convince him on nomen-
clature, but he will not be convinced. Clute writes, "I will
cast in my lot with Davenport & you." So there will be no
one but Maxon to side with Underwood. & Clute thinks he may even
marry Maxon. Sincerely Yours B.D. Gilbert



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