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Mr. Frederick V. Coville

My Dear Mr. Coville

Your letter concerning the Hepaticae is at hand and I am to-day preparing the package. In it I intend to include some from my own collecting at Shōca and in the Adirondacks.

I return ~~you~~ the Naiadaceae from the Department received two years ago and add a few Phyllospadix.

I wish to ask a question. What is the most economical as well as the best way of sending the packages of pressed plants to London, Berlin, St. Petersburg, etc. from Calif. They go to the largest <sup>Botanical</sup> ~~the largest~~ <sup>Herbaria</sup> for the most part, but are purchased. Frank Lamb is sending off his Mexican (for getting them ready), and the expense of forwarding appears to be formidable. Can you give me advice with cordial regards to yourself and kind remembrance to your wife. Sincerely, W. R. Dudley