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May 25, 1920.

Mr. Robert Ridgway,

1030 South Morgon St.,

Olney, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

I thank you for your kindness in promptly following up the Convallaria. The pressed specimens which you have prepared will be very welcome, and if later on you will be able to get fruit of the same form, it would be most useful.

One of my students got into this genus and is finding several species or varieties of definite geographic range and in the European, Asiatic, and Virginian material she has found good seed characters. Whether the North Carolina plant also displays seed characters, of course, has not been determined.

I wrote Dr. Theodor Holm who said he would look up the material in your old garden at Brookland, and I am expecting to hear from him daily.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Fernald

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May 18, 1920.

Mr. Robert Ridgway,
1030 South Morgon St.,
Olney, Ill.

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

Several years ago the late Edward L. Greene described from plants growing in your wild garden at Brookland a new Convallaria which you had secured from the mountains of North Carolina.

I am wondering if by any chance you have specimens of this plant or still have it growing in your Illinois garden, so that we can secure material of it. As described by Greene it seems to be a unique thing. We have absolutely nothing like it and should naturally be very much pleased if we could secure material.

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