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Dear Mr. Deane: --

It is a long time since I have heard from you directly, although my mother has written me of you, but I fear I have been to blame and have not answered your last letter to me. The fact is that I have been very busy working on a book upon which I have so far typewritten out nearly 350 pages and of which I have 100 or more still to do, and so I have not done a great deal of letter writing or of botanical work to be the basis of anything new to report. I have attended two meetings of a graduate journal club in botany here at one of which I heard a review of Professor Nichols's work on the ecology of Cape Breton, and at the other Mr. Ekblaw of our University tell of his botanical experiences in connection with the Crock-erland Expedition, of which he was a member, and toward the expenses of which the University contributed. Professor Cowles of Chicago, whom I had never before met, was at the meeting, he being, I suppose, one of the high priests of the ecologists.

M.L.F. has proposed to me that we investigate a little district in northern Coos County, near the corner of Maine, N.H., and Quebec, where Huntington found a ridge of serpentine. I have long wished to get at this place, which has been rather inaccessible, and hope that we can carry out this plan this summer, and perhaps do some more in the Colebrook lime area.

I shall be much interested to see the account of what M.L.F. said at the Club on the subject of trees and soils. Is it to be published in Rhodora? I often wish that some arrangement could be made in Rhodora to give a brief account of the most notable things at the Club meetings for the benefit of members living at a distance, who constitute a considerable portion of the membership of the Club. I have several times spoken of the matter but it seemed to be the feeling of some that it could not be done, though other clubs, such as the Appalachian Club, seem to do it rather satisfactorily. It wouldn't be necessary to give much space to it--perhaps not usually over half a page. We think nothing of announcing the meetings of other societies, like the Josselyn Club, but it is apparently considered bad form ever to mention our own! Naturally articles that were later to be published might be dismissed with a brief note as to where they might be expected to appear.

A while ago I tried again to get Moore to give his herbarium to the Gray Herb. or the Club Herb., but he says that he is working on it and trying to get it into better shape. I'm afraid it will waste away in his father's cellar before he gets around to bestow it where it might be of some use. He is never likely to do much with it, I fear.

A gentleman whom I met here the other day told me that he was on the same steamer with H.H. Bartlett, who was coming back from a stay in Java (or was it Sumatra?). I have not heard from Bartlett directly for a long time. He is not much of a letter-writer--like many of us.

How early will you go to Shelburne? Our Commencement is not till 23 June, and

we are thinking of going east via the Michigan shore of Lake Michigan (to visit some of our neighbors here at their summer place), then around by Mackinac, perhaps the Soo, Georgian Bay, Ottawa, Montreal, and so to Randolph---whether we shall carry out so ambitious a scheme will depend upon time and tide. But we shall hope to be in Randolph by early July.

Give our regards to Miss Brown, and reserve the proper amount for yourself.

As ever,

A.S.P.

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