

Urbana, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Deane:—

It is a long time since I have heard from you and I hope that all is going well at 29, Brewster Street, and that you are having the beautiful spring weather in which we are rejoicing here. Soon it will be time to turn Randolphward. I am thinking very seriously of going this time via a new route. A colleague who has a summer place on Green Bay, Wisconsin, has invited me to make him a little visit right after Commencement. From there I am planning to go to the Soo, and there take the Algoma Central and Hudson Bay R.R. up along the eastern side of Lake Superior, perhaps stopping off for a day or two to collect at the place at which that railway approaches nearest to the Lake, and in the interesting canyon of the Agawa River. This region has only recently been opened up by railway and I fancy has not been much botanized in. I shall not have a great deal of time and unfortunately haven't any good collecting equipment here to take with me—it being all in Randolph—but perhaps I can turn up something that the Gray Herbarium may be interested to get. I fancy that hitherto most of the collecting on Lake Superior has been done on the other shores, which have hitherto been more accessible. I plan to go to the end of the Algoma Central at Hearst, Ont. only a couple of hundred miles or so from James Bay, and there strike the Canadian Transcontinental (G.T.P.) passing through Cochrane. Then I hope to stop off for a day at Lake Abitibi to have a look at the flora there and then continue to Quebec and so to Randolph, getting there in the latter part of June. My main doubt is to see how I shall be able to carry and preserve on a rapid trip all the things I want to collect, but perhaps by excluding enough I can manage it.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the first fascicle of my edition of Cicero's De Divinatione, a book upon which I have been busied for a long time and which has just appeared. From its character it is probably not a work that you will need to own, ^{and I am very short for copies of it.} but I thought you might be interested to glance at its nature, and that perhaps when you were through with it you would be willing to send it, with the stamps which I enclose, to another person who similarly will be interested to glance it over. Her address is Miss Adele R. Johnson, 168, Hancock Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. I hope that this will not incommode you too much. If you care to read any part you may find the notes on pages 91-94 as botanical as any, while pp. 73, 83, and 85 will give you some ornithological lore of a popular nature. A second fascicle of the same size as this is in the press and should appear within a few days or so.

Some time ago I wrote to Glover Allen and again broached to him the question of having the Flora of Coos County published by the Boston Society of Natural History. I did not ask, naturally, for any absolute assurance in the matter, but only

for a general expression of opinion as to whether, if the work should appear to be sufficiently well done, there would be a possibility of thus publishing it. He wrote back a very cordial letter, in which he said that he had conferred with the director about the matter and while they of course could not at this stage make any absolute promises he thought that this was the kind of work they wanted, and he urged me to prepare and offer the work to them. I told him that I should probably have to have a year or so more to finish it up and to this he readily agreed. I am glad to have this possibility of publication for I shall feel more encouraged to take the time necessary to put the Ms into shape for publication than if I saw no chance ahead. I took the liberty of telling Allen that perhaps you or Fernald could give him some idea of the value of the work in case he wanted an outside expression of opinion.

How was Fernald's talk on N.S.? I should like to have been there and am looking eagerly forward to see if he will not have some material from our summer's work there appearing in Rhodora soon. I have n't heard from him all the winter but this is not surprising for he is undoubtedly busy and there was no especial occasion for his writing. Where does he plan to go this summer, do you know? Is he to continue in N.S.?

I have written garrulously on at some length, but it has been so long since we have communicated that there seemed more than usual to tell. When do you go to Shelburne? You know Ernest Bernbaum, my college classmate, I think. He is a colleague here. This spring he is to be married to a Miss Guenther, a teacher in Home Economics here, and they have taken a little cottage on Randolph Hill, west from the Mt. Crescent House, for the summer. I hope that they will like it.

Give my regards to Miss Brown. I shall not be likely to see you this spring in Cambridge because I shall probably not come that way. I may be able to get down for a few days during or at the end of the summer to look up some things in the Herbarium. But I shall see you at Shelburne and we shall make an earlier attempt to get in your visit to Randolph so that it shall not get crowded out at the very end as it did last year, to our regret.

With all best wishes,

Arthur Stanley Raven.



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