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Mr. Walter Deane, 29 Brewster Street, Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Deane:

When in Cambridge for a few minutes last Sunday morning I had hoped to have a chance to call on you, but time forbade, since there was a matter of college business to attend to, and then I had to catch a train home from Boston. I hope, however, that you are well and that I shall have more time on some subsequent occasion to get to 29 Brewster Street. At an Amherst alumni dinner the night before, in Boston, I saw Dr. Rushmore and Mr. Quynn for a moment's chat with each. I hope that at some club meeting you may perhaps have a chance to meet our new member from Amherst, Professor Meriam.

I was talking over our botanical library yesterday with Professor Goodale and noting that there were a good many things in the line of local floras etc., which we ought to secure, and it occurred to me to wonder whether you had ever made any plans for your botanical books. I suppose that most of them would be likely to duplicate materials at the Gray Herbarium, and I realize that the Club library has little space for expansion. Goodale is working very diligently here upon the local flora, that is, the Connecticut watershed in Massachusetts, and has many opportunities to profit by the use of other local floras. As funds permit, he is building up a good little reference library in botany, and if you should ever feel like bequeathing us some of your collection in that field (or also in ornithology, where our Dr. Friedmann is not only doing excellent work with the native fauna but is to be granted leave of absence for next year to go on a Harvard expedition to collect in some unexplored mountains in East Africa), I am sure that you could hardly place the volumes where they would be more appreciated. Judge Churchill has perhaps told you of his visit here and of the well arranged and fireproof quarters in which our botanical work (like that in zoology) is now ensconsed. This is a suggestion of a spare moment, but perhaps it may strike you as not altogether unattractive, and I trust that you will not, knowing something of the ways of college presidents, consider it an impertinence:

With cordial regards from us all to Miss Brown and you, I remain, as ever

Yours ,

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