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Dear Mr Deane and "Brownie" too:

Many thanks for your lovely cards and words of cheer! So you have not forgotten the orphans now so far from home! Another card dated Dec 26th has recently reached us from Mr Deane. He is quite right, we are sitting out of doors basking in this glorious sun-shine while you are cold and the skies are gray. Of course we have not such intellectual society as you have but we manage to keep our wits sharpened on grindstones at the Calif. Institute of Technology, or new books at the fine library, and from lectures and meetings we attend. Tomorrow it is the International

the end of March. If you send anyone in Cambridge who would like to rent over cleaning little hang-alors for six weeks or two months put them on the train for Pasadena & we'll give them a warm welcome (the air is 70° as I sit here on the porch).

There is a wonderful humminbird dipping into the flowers and a jolly little finch is singing to me from the branch of the acacia tree. He boast of one orange tree, walnuts, a cork oak, a willow island pine 40 ft high, apricot, apple & various other trees. We have onions up in the garden and tulips about to blossom. Rose cala lilies, and geraniums are blossoming. My latest occupation is catching opossums. I have caught two and today I find a new hole which I must dig out and fix up with the trap. The little racale eat everything in sight.

As we have no car we have used our mugs on the floor & the walls lined with books, lantern slides, reprints, etc. Miss Jeffers is rendering out three two morning.

A Happy New Year to both of you, with love from the flowers & seeds.

Relative Commission meeting, last night it was an illustrated lecture by Dr Oxtoby on Archaeology. We hear good music and good plays too, once a week. The Community Players do fine work & each week put on something new.

On February 1<sup>st</sup> we start out on a lecture trip of our own going as far as S. Francisco and back. We shall lecture on various subjects a list of which I'll send you later. My partner gives illustrated lectures while I run the lantern, but my own talk is on "Biology of Today". I illustrate with blackboard drawings. We expect to return



Peebles, Florence. 1927. "Peebles, Florence Jan. 4, 1927." *Walter Deane correspondence*

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