

29 Brewster St.,
Cambridge, Mass
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Dear brother Collins -

I was more than pleased yesterday to receive your 'Key to Trees'. I had seen it the day before at the Gray Herbarium and had heard Fernald's encomiums on the book and had determined to get it immediately. It is very good of you to think of me.

I have examined the book carefully and am delighted with it. After reading the preface and looking over the book, examining the attractive cuts and half tones, I tested the key as I lay back in my arm chair. I took Sassafras (to see how the various shaped leaves would work), Pinus (our 3 sps) & Amelanchier. It was most interesting to run these down so readily. I can see

that the Key is most effective.

Of course a person using the Key in spring for the Shad will have to use some judgment when the fringing characters come in.

How does Preston come in on the work?

I have just used your Key on the Hop Hornbeams. Not leaving the finer points of venation in mind, I called the veins curved and came to a warning n.p. 3h. Then I went back to no. 44 and immediately got it. Good for you.

Thank you also for the paper on Chestnut Bark Disease. That I must read. It is a terrible thing.

Dr. Robinson returns to Cambridge from Old Point Comfort on Tuesday the 28th. I shall rejoice to see them again. They must stay long.

The work in the G. H. is booming.

Sincerely
Allen Deane.



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