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Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1924

Dear Mr. Deane,

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of July 2. I should have explained that I sent the \$5 to Prof. Hackel on your pledge of \$5 a year. There being eighteen to give the turn of each is a year and a half apart. I am sending the money to Prof. Hackel for the different givers and then send them the receipt as my voucher, when they can reimburse me. Perhaps that is not a very businesslike way to do business, but it simplifies things. You sent the first \$5 the fall of 1924. This will be your second.

I am glad the ^National Herbarium and the grasses are in Washington instead of in New Hampshire. Nights at 33° would make me want to run away. The hotter it is the better I like it--I am the only happy person around the herbarium on the boiling hot days--but I am the most miserable one in winter time.

Those Cactus volumes are beautiful, aren't they? I am glad you have a set. I have seen them in the library.

Dr. Pease's Flora of Coos County ought to be very valuable. Where is he located now? He was at Univ. of Illinois for a time, I think. I have been working steadily on Paspalum lately. The drawings take much time, but I do not agree with Dr. Greene, who said that a real botanist did not need illustrations, his descriptions were sufficient--or else I'm not a real botanist. I try to give as accurate a description as possible and then as accurate a drawing as I can. I think if others had done that there would have been less confusion about species the last hundred and fifty years.

Prof. Hitchcock said to send his best wishes when I wrote.

He is out playing tennis after work every evening he can get some one to play with him. There is a court back of the Smithsonian and a local tennis club.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Agnes Chase



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