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Mr. Walter Deane, Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Deane: —

I placed your letter among Knowlton's things for him to answer your queries about books. He has been back since Monday and to-day it came up. He says he thinks he told you all he knew about the Point Barrows Expedition Report before, that is was very rare and hard to get even for money. It certainly was not published in the Proc. Nat. Mus. Suppose you write to Mr. John Murdock, Librarian Sm. Inst., who was long at Pt. Barrows and knows everything about the literature.

Besides the "Sketch" and "Synopsis" I have published nothing on Paleobotany except my "Types of the Laramie Flora" Bulletin No. 37 U.S. Geological Survey. That you could not want, as it contains only descriptions of the same species enumerated and figured at the end of the "Synopsis" with the figures repeated. By act of Congress no one can get the Bulletins except by purchase. The price of this one is 25 cents and they are for

sale at the Survey. I have had to buy a good many to send to paleobotanists who must have them, and I have not felt able to send them merely as mementos. In fact I have not half distributed them to the profession on account of the expense, and the law in this respect cannot be too severely condemned. It also applies to Monographs, two of which I shall publish before long. I hope it may be repealed or amended before they are out.

Mrs. Ward and I had a good time at Cleveland and the Thousand Islands. Please remember us to Mrs. Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, and your stanch friend Kennedy.

Most sincerely yours

Lester F. Ward



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