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Mr. Walter Deane,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Deane:

I was glad to get your letter which came to-day. You are very kind to offer to send Wittstein. As I told you, if you are going away and not going to want it I should be glad to borrow it till you return, by which time I presume ours will be here. I inquired the other day and the order has gone. It went in with a large number of other books.

On second looking I see that you go to-morrow, so that this will have to be forwarded. I ought to have written but have been driven to death since my return. Knowlton starts to-day for the west to stay all summer. Poor fellow, he is badly run down and it remains to be seen whether anything can save him.

As to the plants, I hope I may have some one by and by who can



get them out for you. Just now there is no one but I am promised some help. I fear that there will be many that we cannot supply.

I suppose that you have seen Judge Churchill and learned what a grand time we had on Sunday. It exceeded all my expectations which were very great.

I hope your trip will do both you and Mrs. Deane much good and that you will return fully restored to health.

Yours most gratefully,

Lester F. Ward



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