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My Dear Mr. Deane.

You have, I doubt not, long ere this voted me an unmitigated ingrate and decided to throw me overboard as bad rubbish. What will you think, then, when you find me bobbing up again serenely with the cheek to ask still other favors of you? And yet such is my rôle at this moment. It is the old cry of dictionary, dictionary!

Are you all rested? And would you consent to go on

with that same work of defining genera and families from Bentham and Hooker. If so please let me know and I will send you a list of subjects as before.

We are still behind and pinning our definitions to the printed galley clips. One man does nothing else but define botanical words of the more popular character. Leslie is helping me revise his work and read page-proof. But we are all together unable to gain on the printers. We are just finishing up K, but most of L is in type. I only ask you to do what you can. I am going to send back your Wittsteinian anyhow, although ours is not yet in hand. The invoice was here more than a month ago, but it is in a large box from Brockhaus, Germany, and that is delayed somewhere.

But I am ashamed to keep your book any longer. Fearing it might receive high usage at the Museum I have brought it home and keep it in my own rack. It has been a godsend to us, and I am thankful accordingly, if I do not act it.

We want to hear from you and how you are and how Mrs. D. is and your father, and how you have spent the summer. We have all been on Kautsk's and Martha's Vineyard a good share of the summer. I got back Aug. 15, and the family Sept. 10th. Were all well. Knowlton is still in the West and greatly improved.

Your incorrigible bore

Lester F. Ward



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