

doubtless, put the names into his
list, and shall find the letter
amongst my papers, but I fear
that he did not write, and
that he made discoveries of within
the island and the Catalogue has
not yet the credit. I hope
he is as well and strong as ever
by this time.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

Springfield
Nov. 24. 1856.

My dear Mr. Deane,

In my late letter to Mr. Morong
I omitted something that might influ-
ence his decision. I think some
one interested in the Catalogue
will be very likely to invite him
to stop with them. There is no
botanist living on the island
as you know, and I have no
relatives there, so I cannot
speak with confidence; still
I wish Mr. Morong to know of
the possibility as it may bring
a favorable answer, if only a
provisional one.

A letter today from Mrs. Starbuck

show unabated zeal — four
Captains in her service now.
They are discussing Gaper boats,
And Canoes and Boats to carry
one person and Boats for two.
Their searches and Conference
put an office into their lives,
a blessed thing for them; I
shall interfere with these
voluntary labors of theirs, for
by & by when I can tell them
what is really wanted and they
see they have been on the wrong
track, they'll just shut about and
cheerfully do the work all over.
I am glad you mentioned Exp-
erimenting — I can give you
a beauty.

I can't find *Hieracium Mantium*
in Ward's Plants of Washington, nor
anywhere else indeed — but what
do I care? If it does not grow
in Nantuxen it sinks to secondary
importance.

I have not seen Mr. Bailey's
Canes yet, but am not impa-
tient.

I was looking over notes for the
Catalogue yesterday, and saw
this in a letter of Mr. Dame's
dated Bloomingdale, (Sicence.)
July 15. 1886. "Mr. Churchill will
doubtless report his finds in due
season. Please communicate
them when they come to hand." Will
you please ask Mr. Churchill
some time, if he ever did send
me such a list. If he did, I have



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