

Con-science too.

As you like foreign specimens of our own plants I wish I had some of the *Euphrasia officinalis* that grew abundantly in the wet fields between Ambleside and Troutbeck. They were little beauties — or great beauties — four times as large as those that I have found at Great Head on Mt. Desert, and at the Falls of Montmorency; — they showed up amongst the grass like little white violets. They were the only things that I missed after I got home. I think I must have left them in one of the presses that I constructed wherever I stopped.

I must send my thanks for your article on Mr. Watson reprinted from the Bulletin. It is very appreciative — a just tribute to the gentle and friendly nature of that good man, as well as to his scientific knowledge. Yours very truly
Marian L. Owen

Springfield, May 4. 1892.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been pretty busy lately or you would have heard from me before this about those labels. You shall have all you want certainly, but I am going to have some blanks of my own, and use the labels of our Bot. Society no longer. The Society has an herbarium with a great many nice things in it, but it is only a courteous fiction that it has any duplicates for exchange or gift. Now on the other hand

I have no herbarium and
never had; whatever I have
collected and pressed I have
put into the Society Libm. and
have kept the duplicates myself
& give away. Then when I
gave them away, I mentally
presented them to the Society
and then used its labels. I
shall do so no longer, I will
have my own blanks. But
I want to ask you what is the
approved style; I have seen
Dr. Gray's - simplicity itself -
but it may be too pressing
in a little botanist like me

& copy after such a great
one. Excuse the implication if
I ask you to send me one of
your labels for a pattern -
Gratify my curiosity thus, and I
shall resent it if you send still
another with the information that
that is the right style for me.
I remember the learned scholar who
heard one of his pupils pronouncing
Alexandria with the accent on the
penult and gently remarked "Well
it will do for me to say 'Alexan-
dria', but I think you had better
keep to 'Alexan'dria'." Send me
a label all filled out, please, with
something or other, and hereafter I
shall scrupulously comply with the re-
quirements of science and of my



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