

383 Union St.

Springfield, Mass

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Dear Mr. Deane,

I enclose a letter in reply  
to which I could only tell Mr. Dana  
that I must ask for a little time,  
& get the desired information from  
some one who knew more than I about  
that department of Botany.

I hope you can, without  
trouble, put the letter into the hands  
of some one able and willing to pro-  
mote science here in Springfield, by  
giving the list which is wanted.

I should like to have it some-  
what classified in this way: - the  
books to be bought first for beginners,

and those to be added later when needed. I don't believe there is a single student of lichens in this City. In our botanical society, now in its twenty-third year, some of us know the common species by sight and name, and we should probably use a work for beginners. My way would be to put in only two or three elementary works, and add others as asked for. Any other way seems to me a waste of money, for before there is interest enough in this neighborhood in the study of lichens, and advancement enough to go deeply into it, the present books may be quite out of date, superseded by those giving the result of later researches. Any more books would only make a show

on the shelves, and I think that is not the aim of the trustees of this Memorial Library fund which is not a large one.

If you will help me in this matter as you have in so many before this, you will oblige again  
Your sincere friend  
Maria L. Owen.



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