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Nashville Tennessee

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Mr Walter Deane Dear Sir

I am in receipt of letter and rejoicing to know that you are yet accomplishing the living and purposing natural history work.

The little volume which accompanies this letter, is, I expect my last effort in the botanical arena. The synopsis is in various points deficient, but under the conditions under which I had to work, gave me no chance for comparative investigation. Moreover, I apprehend that the younger generations of botanists are establishing new species on too insignificant characters. Cultivations in botanical gardens, as they are now being established, will in time allow us to proceed on safer lines.

I have written the papers on the Philosophy of botany to bring about, if possible a higher estimate of botany amongst the educated amongst the non botanical students. Tennessee is firmly in the ecclesiastical grip and I would like that a liberal educational system would provide for a more generous teaching of biology in all schools.

Whatever your opinion thereupon may be I wish you to give me a frank criticism on that part of the book.

I would gladly send the members of your club copies only asking the enclosure of a 10 Cts stamp for postage in their applications.

My 52 years life in Tennessee was for me a school of endurance. One of the latter ill lucks, was the failure of Nashville Savings bank, which entailed the greater part of my savings of a long professional engagement. The very publication of the Flora too, was a continued harassment, it being a political job, given to a house I did not want, who treated my book as a makeshift, to fill out vacant time between other jobs, and used the linotype process in spite of my protestations. Hence the many errors, as they never made a page proof. The ornamental binding and illustrations are at my own expense. Sapientia Sat!

Yours very devotedly

A. Gatlinger



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