

LAFAYETTE, IND., Nov. 19. 1886.

My dear Deane:- I know you think
I'm a scallawag, and a rascal
for not writing to you long ago -
You will find out - if you are
not already convinced of it -
that I am a great procrasti-
nator and never do today what
I can do tomorrow! My corres-
pondents have been sending in
masses for me to determine and
they have accumulated and
the time has gone so fast that
I fear the patience of the in-
quirers will be exhausted and
my source of supply of mosses cut
off - So I have been devoting
my evenings - what few I can
call my own - to studying the
Bryums & Mniums and Hypnum

and a host of other 'rumor' quite as knotty-

Then I have been indexing Vol. XI of the Gazette, so that your December number may not be delayed -

I have also been writing up my Fissidens revision which was to have commenced in the Nov. no. but was not ready and so must be postponed till Jan'y -

In addition I have to read a paper on Labor Organizations before the Parlor Club on Dec. 5, and as I don't know anything about the subject I have had to do a good deal of "grinding" for it -

Put my college work on top of that and you will see I am busy - Not too busy to write to you at all, but ~~too~~ busy enough to have a good excuse for deferring it -

Did I tell you that I had begun to get out a bundle of plants for you? I have -

but when it will be completed and ready to send I can't promise. I found that I have "stacks" of *Sullivantia* in flower but no fruit. I don't know that anything I can send will be of any account but I will send it some time and let you throw it away if you don't want it.

Bailey sent me the mosses he collected in Minn. last summer and Trelease sent the ones he picked up in the Rky Mts. Bailey writes that he is "busy". Have you his *Carex* set? His paper is quite a bulky one is n't it?

Doubtless you have gotten the back vols. of *Gazette* long ago. I wrote to Coulter at once on receipt of your letter and he said

later that he had written
to you about them -

Coulter is coming up today
at 2:30 to stay till midnight
for a Gazette "Confab" -

I must close now and go
over to the city to meet him -

With kindest remembrances
to Mrs. D. and all Cambridge
friends
Yours ever

C. R. Barnes

Has Mr. Watson gotten back yet?
How does Kennedy come on? I am
afraid he isn't going to forgive my
neglect of him last summer -
He's never answered my letter -
Maybe he's paying me in my
own coin!

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