

Chas. Deane  
Sparks St. 27 Dec /74

My dear Sir -

I thank you very much  
for the copy of your beautiful tribute  
to Jefferson Noyes. I had before  
heard of it through Prof. Brown,  
who, after accepting the appointment  
to prepare a Memoir for the Hist.  
Society, finally declined to do so, saying  
that after what you & Dr. Holmes had  
written, nothing more could be added -

I had known Noyes (as we com-  
monly say we know people) for  
nearly forty years - but after reading  
your life of him, I find I never  
knew him. I only knew the outside  
of him - I thought him over-cautious,  
even timid, about expressing an  
opinion sometimes, but I dare  
say his mental reservation was wisdom -

I have been delighted with  
your memoir.

I suppose the date in the  
last line on p. 14, should be  
1849 -

Faithfully Yours

Charles Deane

P. P. Gray —



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