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My esteemed friend:

Did I write to  
thank you for a copy of  
your recent Contribution? I  
intended to do so but fear  
my good intentions may have  
miscarried. From prudential  
considerations I spend much of  
my time this summer out-of-  
doors, working in my garden,  
and have acquired a farmer-like  
disinclination to the use of the  
pen.

But I have not quite  
given over thinking of Willows  
and the knotty problems which



our A. A. species present— some  
of which I dare hope I may  
yet be able to disentangle.  
I am happy to learn that  
Mr Buser is engaged upon a  
monograph of the genus. He is  
an old time friend and  
Correspondent (Prof. Potthrock introduced  
us when he and Buser were  
fellow students under Durbin)  
and I know of no one better  
qualified for the work or who  
would be more conscientious  
withal. There are some questions  
such as the relationships of American  
sub-arctic forms to European  
types which are most easily  
approached by the Old World

student— not simply because of  
his more intimate knowledge of  
species oldest in the science—  
but mainly that he has access  
to the old herbaria.

Thanking you for  
still retaining upon your  
list of those deemed worthy  
of favors one whose claims  
are so small I remain  
— my dear Sir

Your devoted friend

Wm. L. Peck



Bebb, M. S. 1886. "Bebb, Michael S. June 18, 1886." *Michael Schuck Bebb letters to Asa Gray*

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