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Mr M. L. Fernald
Cambridge, Mass

My dear Sir: -

Returning home
after an absence of three weeks
I find on my table a copy
of your Portland Catalogue
of Maine Plants. Many
Thanks for this favor. I
enjoy such things. like to
have them handy for reference.
In the present instance I find
a more than usual interest
for it so happened that a good
many years ago - when I first

set out upon an enthusiastic
career of collecting and exchanging
plants almost my very first
correspondents were the Rev
Joseph Blake and the Rev
J. W. Chickering - So the plants
of Maine right at the beginning
of my acquaintance with
the flora of the Marston
district were almost as familiar
as those of my own state - I
was made acquainted with every
new find and was as eager
to possess a specimen from the
fresh locality as if the whole
matter were an affair of my
own door yard - And so at
this late day I find a
peculiar interest in turning

your pages - recognizing the
old things, as well as those
which have since been
added,

By the way can you
tell me anything of the
present whereabouts of Mr J. N.
Allen. I have a vague
impression that he went to Calif-
ornia to care for his father
who afterwards died there (if my
memory serves me aright) Later
I recall an advertisement in the
Bulletin of an herbarium for
sale - but whether of J. N. or of
I do not distinctly remember -

Years ago I received from Mr J. N.
Allen some very interesting collections
of Labrador & Canadian Willows but, of
late I have lost all trace of him -
Yours very truly M. S. Peck



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