

Please give ~~from~~ my regards
if he has not forgotten the
people of Providence.

Be sure & take care of your-
self that you may return in
good condition to your mourn-
ing friends.

I will try to work out some
keys & species for comparison
with yours when you return.

Yours faithfully
A. W. Weston

Providence R.I.
July 29 1908

Dear Collins:-

'Tis a pleasure to find
that after all you have not for-
gotten Providence.

Several times in the past two
days I have wondered what you
were doing & where. When you
return I suppose you will be
prepared to write a monograph
on the Chestnut - as well as dis-
tinguish the English & American
chestnuts at a glance.

Since your departure "Orndorology"
in R.I. has ceased. Not a single
list has been made though I
have been marking up the towns
on the map, discovering as I now

turn the pages many gaps that should be filled. Many gaps due perhaps to oversight.

You must have enjoyed the new trees. The Post oak grows probably more luxuriantly & larger size than with us.

Should it come convenient in your nursery travels gather a leaf or two of English & Japanese Chestnuts for me, for comparison.

Hope has been in several times looking for an excursion but my bookkeepers absence has tied me to the store for the present.

But I have not minded this as the past hot weather has

not been a time for walking through the country.

Write whenever the spirit moves & time allows as I shall always be glad to learn your doings & whereabouts.

When you leave the government service I will be glad if possible to resume the tree campaign with you.

Could Metcalf put me on the list to receive regularly the circulars of the Bureau of Forestry. The Bulletins I presume it would be impossible but even the circulars I get by chance & only when I write for them.



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