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Dear Collins =

Have sent the dozen Keys to Beakeslee -

On a venture that you have not seen it I enclose  
a paragraph from Ranes Mass State Forester 6th Annual  
report. 1909. It would seem to confirm previous  
opinion regarding this scientist

The weather here has precluded botanical enthusiasm  
for the present - trees lists are quiescent

Lovell starts for Maine Saturday.

How would a shady spot near the top of Pleasant Pond  
not suit some of these hot days?

If you have any infallible, easy "merkmale" to separate  
the black & yellow birch leaves "for the love of goodness"  
sent it me. One day I think I have a test & the next  
day I mix the leaves & find the clue is nil. Surely  
there must be some minute point of distinction capable of being  
stated in exact language if we could only find it.

Yours answer  
H. P.



Preston, Howard W. 1910. "Preston, Howard W. July 13, 1910." *James Franklin Collins correspondence*

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