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Mr. Walter Deane,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Deane:-

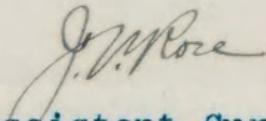
Your kind letter was duly received. I have been so very busy that I have scarcely had time for letters, in fact I have not been able to ^{put} my MS. in shape which I prepared in Cambridge last fall. So you see there is no need of my going back there for the present at least.

I will have a note with an illustration of Agava attenuata in an early number of Garden and Forest and I have just finished an elegant plant of Chrysosplenium which is to appear in Mr. Macoun's list of the plants from the Pribilof Islands to be published in the Bering Sea Report. I will try to get you a copy. I also send you a copy of a new Tradescantia which has just appeared in Hooker's Icones. When you are at the Garden again look at the plates in Hooker's Icones, Nos. 2504- 2511. Most of the material for these drawings was sent on by me. You will see that Hemsley makes a pleasant reference to it.

I think I wrote to you some months ago that I was planning to name a new genus for Dr. Robinson, but it is a little hard to decide upon the name. Robinsonia is a very pretty name but of course this can not be used. The name is already long and can only take a short prefix or suffix. What would you think of Neorobinsonia? Would it be too much trouble for you to find out in a round about way what would be his wishes in the matter. My new genus contains 3 species of handsome flowering shrubs or trees from Mexico.

The herbarium people have got things turned about with reference to Zizia and Thaspium. I transferred nearly all of their Thaspium aureum to Zizia when I was there in the fall. I think you have as good a representation of Thaspium aurum as any one in this country. I have seen Hills article but have not had time to read it.

Yours very truly,


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Department of Botany.



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