

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY.

Lake Forest, Ill., December 23, 1895.

My dear Deane:

I know very little about Mr. Bebb's herbarium excepting ~~that~~ for years he has done little or nothing to it excepting in the Salix portion. This part of it he has kept up to the end, and in my judgment it stands as the most important collection of the genus in this country. I have not seen his most recent MSS. on Salix, but his wife told me that he had been working at it all his spare time and had a great many notes. She said that there were only a few points that he wished still to clear up. Aside from his formal notes his herbarium sheets are jotted over with his opinions in such a way that they will be very clear to his editor. This final revision, you understand, was for the proposed "Flora of North America."

The funeral was a very quiet one, conducted at the house with only a few relatives and friends present. Since Mr. B's removal from Fountaindale to Rockford he was in bad health, and being of a very retiring disposition he lived too quietly to become largely acquainted in Rockford. Those who were present expressed the warmest admiration for the man, not only on his social side, but also on his intellectual side. I do not know what disposition is to be made of his herbarium. His family said that they

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Yours sincerely,

John M. Coulter.

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