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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

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My dear Mr Deane

I send by express today your set of *Naiadaceae* - The second in order. There somewhat over 100 sheets, including European & N. Am. sp. and var. I have taken particular pains to cover your wants so far as these specimens go. What with these and the few sent you a while since of the var. forms, you have about all the N. A. *Potamogeton*s available; better than any other collection probably in the country except my own now in Columb. Coll. Herb. The species of this family, however, are so outrageously variable that even my own collection, extensive as it is, hardly gives a complete idea of the numerous forms. Even after a study of them for nearly 20 years, I am still sometimes puzzled to determine forms that turn up. But my sets are fairly representative, as much so as any could be.

I do not buy expressage, as you know that the \$5.00 charged is merely nominal

by no means paying for the labor, time and expense incurred. My idea in putting the sets so low was to get the plants distributed among the botanists of the country. My forthcoming monograph will give all the necessary details of description and reasons for change of names.

I feel now as if my work in *Naiada* = *ceae* was complete, and that very little more can be added to the subject. My myself at last. — and it is very gratifying to think that the dearest wish of my old friend Robbing is at last carried out, and carried out far more completely than he had the means of doing in his lifetime. I nearly succeeded him in the work, and owe much of the means of finishing it to the labors of himself and Tuckerman. We build on the foundations of others.

Mrs. M. remains about the same. My son writes that physically she is not so well as she used to be, but that he thinks her, if anything, slightly improved mentally. That does not mean much, however. We have no ^{idea} ~~idea~~ that she will ever regain her reason.

Kind regards to Mrs. Deane.

Very cordially yours

Thomas Moring



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