

Providence, Dec 5, 1889,

My Dear Friend,

I have been wondering what had become of my active correspondent, and thought of writing again. Your letter explains your silence, I am pained that it was occasioned by so sad a cause.

Your account of your Father, the student and lover of his book, is most interesting. Happy the man who has a Father through his youth and manhood to counsel and advise! That treasure, and the sacred memory is yours forever.

Lately I have been most miserable in health and low in spirit. But I propose to push that last fellow and raise him up. I am to lecture before the Torrey Club, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> - subject the "Flora of R.I." - which is, as the men said, "small, but oh! Lord!!" I shall have to feel better than I do now. I have an advanced course this term; perhaps I told you before, and have had to look up all my scanty knowledge of histology. It is, however, most interesting work, and my class



works well.

As I write my wife sits by  
me - estimating the height and  
depth of our journey bill. They  
threaten to overwhelm us, "horse  
and rider together", even as the Egyptian  
went down of old before the surge of  
the Red Sea. In your botanizing  
have you found the Desert tree -  
and will you give me a cutting?

Dr Moros appears to be having  
a time chasing Begonias. I do not  
enjoy him the job, yet how jolly, it  
must be to have his energy.

I hope in a few days to send  
you our new Brown catalogue. If I  
don't, please den me. I cannot write  
while mixed up with these cursed  
money accounts, so good-night and  
God bless and comfort you.

Your friend ever  
W. W. Bailey



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