

Providence, June 20, 1891

My Dear Deane,

"Your esteemed favor"
is at hand, "Contents noted",
and I hasten to reply that I
have need of a "line" of the
same goods, viz vacation. Do you
know, if it were not for the cat
I would run down either to G. B. K.,
or Commencement at Harvard.
But I'm as poor as Job's crow
- and couldn't raise enough to
carry me beyond Abnamsfield.

Both my babies are larking
with whooping cough - about 3
weeks into it, and we are all
thinking it a much under-ex-
timated disease. My, a part of
the time, has been seriously ill.
Both of them, now, however, seem
to have "limped" to the trick of
it, and come up after a spasm
(comparatively) heaving.

The this may have the secondary effect of stopping us from going to Little Compton, though we hope not. As for me, the phenomenal drop in the temperature has developed in my bones more pains than were known to Coliban, son of Scleros. The mischief of it is, that I was full of repugnance of work. It is two years since I've touched my herbarium. I am more than doubtful if I ever can again. In many respects my department is coming up. Please bear in mind that you can aid us with any respectable exhibits, tree-trunks, fruits, seeds, fibres, drugs, etc. Please tell Goodale of this.

I hear that Barnea is going West again - for keeper, is it so? The Britton, I believe, have gone over the water; I send

you herewith a report - which may interest you.

I am in such formidable pain with my neck that I shall have to pull up - not the neck, but my pen. You'll write their number - and if I do so hereafter with a stub pen, may my right hand forsake its cunning! One might as well use a Lania Sea pole. With regards to Mrs. Deane, Dr. Watson, Goodale, Barnea, Gearing etc.

Your fellow tourist

W. W. Bailey

P. S. The smell of burning creosoline adds to my joy. In fact I am incensed.



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