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My Dear Deane,

Yours is at hand, I am
up and out, but frightfully rheumatic
- and somewhat catagorical. I am,
as yet, doing no work, but keep
my eye on it, I send you what our
College daily says about the Dept't,
All true and more, they might
add that with the increase of men
I remain at the pitiful salary of
\$1600. Your notes on Greave are
just what I expected; none but a
worm would write such unedifying
stuff over the grave of a man like
Asa Gray. But the whirligig will
catch up with him - and don't
you forget it!

At the time I joined King's
Expedition - I knew very little, and
it was a happy day for science
when I fell ill - and dear old

Watson took my place, I was
with the party in Nevada, about
9 months, when my health failed
and I resigned. Still, for a year
my work was not so bad. Watson
told me that he adopted my sketch
of the phytogeographic regions in his re-
port. For so young a fellow, these,
I think showed a certain insight.
You will find them in an article
entitled the "Snake & Humboldt
River Valleys" in *American Naturalist*.
I kept a complete diary of the Expedition
- which, if occasion requires - you
can get from my wife. For use, it
seems somewhat like sitting in a
grave-yard - to note about such matters
- but I am not at all unwhit.

As to my Army service, it was
in 1862 - when General Jackson's
unit up the Valley, endangered
Washington. In 24 hours our
regiment, made up largely of college
and high school boys, started for
Washington. There we were employed

THE botanical department of the university shows a gratifying degree of progress. The recent acquisitions by gift of valuable collections, and the growth of the botanical library give the department new strength and efficiency. The time has long since gone by when the limited quarters in Manning Hall are sufficient to accommodate the resources of this department and the large number electing botany. A building is imperatively needed. Were it not for the fact that the departments of chemistry and physics have individual quarters, these branches would suffer greatly. Quite as necessary now is the need of a building for the department of botany. If such a building were provided, it could easily be so equipped with botanical material as to make it one of the finest of its kind in the country, and it would find such a ready use that no one could doubt that a need at Brown had been supplied.

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in the defenses of the city - and ¹⁸⁹
at one time we started to the
front, but recalled to Washington
on the Clackson's defeat in the Pe-
ninsula, he never saw a battle,
but did the whole duty demanded
of us - and at any moment might
have been sent into the thick, I was
a private - and here again my health
failed and I was sent home in ad-
vance of the Regiment.

Yes; at any time you can see
the details of the Henry Claydes-
aster again by asking me, I don't
think my wife knows the look,
By the by, she always wishes my
mustaches in my age; one reason for
putting matters in your hands,

How did I come to study
Botany? Well, I suppose I was
born to it. After my father's great
loss, I was his sole companion,

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sitting at his feet as he worked
at the microscope, accompanying
him in all his walks. Our relation
was especially tender; I was the one
they saved from the wreck, they
two brothers were at college, they
never knew him as I did, a man
far ahead of his time in science
and thought. With this early environ-
ment it was natural to drift into
my father's profession, first chemistry
and then Botany. Then my next
older brother, now Prof L. W. Bailey
of the Univ of New Brunswick, Kent-
Creston, N.B., did much to guide me
into the same lines.

I think I forgot to mention, a-
mong my duties, my Bull Collector
Hemlock - 1881. By the way, I am
re-casting and re-writing this. Please
look up your copy - and send me
at once any details, mistakes, sugges-
tions as to field or closet work
that can be added -

Poor Ballard of the Ayassiz
has lost his only daughter, my
heart bleeds for him, Glad to hear
good news of Mrs Deane, W. W. Bailey



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