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Dear Old Deane,

Yes, Dr Delabarre is the gentleman you met in Maine, and a Professor of Psychology here. I was not aware that to be a member of the club - non-resident - one had to be a professional botanist. You say he 'certainly' was not then a botanist. He was not then or now, but Collins and I recommend him on precisely the grounds that we have men like Messrs Weston & Hodge; for their intelligent interest.

I did not send special reasons to you as I was lazy, and had already forwarded them to Dr Robinson and Mr Bond. The latter replied that the recommendation was very strong.

The facts are these in brief - Dr Delabarre is a graduate of Amherst a Ph.D. of Heidelberg - a G.B.K. and a most promising student and writer in his profession. In absence of Munsterberg of Harvard a few years since, he filled his place. Three years ago he was one

of a number of Harvard & Brown men
 who conducted a scientific expedition
 to Colorado. At my request he col-
 lected all the Phænog & Mosses in
 sight - not very well, because I had
 not informed him soon enough to buy
 in paper etc. Still, he made recognizable
 - often fair specimens - and kept a
 diligent and intelligent note. After
 his Report has issued, I think
 by the Amer. Geog. Society, in which is a
 special and interesting botanical section
 and list of plants. He determined some
 of those in the field, with most inadequate
 literature at his disposal, but with great
 pluck. Collins did the mosses; while
 Robinson, Fernald & myself did the Phænog.

All this last summer, during a
 mainly riding trip through Arizona, New
 Mexico, California, Oregon & Washington, he
 has collected abundantly for Brown Univ.,
 constantly forwarding packages to me, -
 partly dried, those from the interior come
 in fine condition; but the upper "Coast" plants
 suffered from poor drying. He knows what
 to do, but was hampered by lack of paper,
 and the impediments, while in Oregon and
 Washington, of women companions, { the parlor! & }
 wherever Dr. DeLamar has gone

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for the last few years, he always observed, checked, and when desired, made specimens. He is quite skilled in knowledge of edible & poisonous fungi.

His home is at Conway in Franklin County, Mass, a most pretty region, most inadequately explored - and which he promises to exploit at earliest convenience. He has made no personal advance to become a member, but I have counseled him and know he would like it, and would attend meetings. This would be of immense advantage to me in my possible late career. He is almost like a brother to my wife - in fact, she is utterly confidential with him - and trusts him in all business matters. He is eminently a club-able man; I don't mean one to be knocked on the head, but one who is efficient; an organizer, a good fellow, full of resource, healthy and a gentleman. I admit that this is a good case and Collins induces every kind of it. Yesterday I was very suddenly

Laid out by a heavy and most distressing cold, Late in the eve Mrs Bailey sent for the Doctor, but even after he came I had a distressing night, I feel mean enough today, but am up.

Tomorrow is our opening day at the Union. I do not ever I dream of, however, as I used.

Margaret will get to Rye Mass about the 26th & hit to Pentt about the 28th inst, she will miss both in expressly. I hope the addresses I sent may be of some use.

With best kind wishes to Mrs Deane and a hug for yourself - I am Thy Lasting friend

S
Co. mate in the Gay Science
W. W. Bailey



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