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March 28, 1889.

My Dear Mr. Deane: Your letters, notes, etc. have all come to hand and are very welcome indeed at this juncture. Every one of your definitions has been pinned to proofs and sent to New York and I am anxiously waiting for more. I send enclosed another list of subjects.

Please do not worry about your time or have an attack of conscience. We are working for a great wealthy company that is both able and willing to pay us what our services are worth. I am losing money every hour I work for them, as I have plenty of pleasanter and for me more profitable work that I am neglecting. Scientific work takes time and care and don't be afraid of giving it too much.



certainly you should count the time spent in correspondence. It is essential to the work.

As to the queries: what I meant about Linnaeus was that when one knows the number of the genus, how can one tell the date? I suppose many genera were named in the Systema natural, the first edition of which appeared in 1830. I will let the question stand as above (knowing the number to find the date) and if you ever get time to investigate the matter I shall be glad to hear what you find out. You are of course familiar with Britzel's Thesaurus, with the supplements and Jackson's Guide to bot. lit. etc., but none of these gives just what we want.

Can I ask you to use the enclosed slips? They are more convenient to attach to the galleys. Let the matter go over on to as many slips as it requires. Longer sheets of nearly this width will do about as well. Will you express your idea of pronunciation and etymology in the form and order indicated on an enclosed slip, and

Greatly Thine Yours in great haste

Very sincerely,

Dexter F. Ward

We are very sorry Mrs. Deane is ill.



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