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Picked the violet & pressed them! their inflorescence not half as large as the ones I saw in the woods. They are so poor to write over the whole.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at work on our Society Libr. lately, and have thought of you frequently, - couldn't help it when I came to things you had given me. When you write again, I should like a label for two *Lycopodium inundatum* you sent me from Jaffrey last summer.

I shall enclose specimens of a *Polygala* that we call *P. verticillata*, L. var. *ambigua*. Do you agree? "N.Y. to Mo. and westward" says the Manual, but this grew in our Forest Park, - very scarce, however. And this wretched broken specimen from Miss Clarke, - is it *Myriophyllum tenellum*? She collected it in Martha's Vineyard.

The violet too, - we call it V. primulaefolia; it agrees well enough with the description of that, but I could never satisfy myself that it was the same as Bigelow's V. cucula - synonym you know. Don't return any of the enclosures.

Our Libm. has some rubbish in it, mostly put in by one person, which I hope to clear out & replace in time, but on the other hand a good many very nice specimens that ~~are~~ would be prized in any herbarium. They are valuable for their rarity, their completeness, or from being named by eminent botanists, and some have two, or even all three, of the merits.

Short stories in letters just now when I am up to my eyes in work.

I had a pleasant note from your wife some time ago. Please remember me to her and believe me

Yours very truly

Martha L. Owen

P.S. There is to be a bi-centennial anniversary celebration in Nantucket in June, that I can't bear to think of, I am so sorry to be away at the time. It was bad enough to lose two weeks of the A.A.S. but this other disappointment is ten times worse -
M.L.O.



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