

Papers, some taken from letters -

In the early part of this year I had the sorrowful task of putting in some of the obituary notices of our dear friend Mr. Dame. Heaven forbid that I shall ever have to do that for the other of my two most efficient helpers! I neither expect nor wish to outlive you. But I should like your photograph if you have one to spare. I had two copies of the Memorial to Mr. Dame, so I took out of one for my book the fine picture of him, and I should feel the Catalogue enriched if I could add your portrait. Please see if you cannot gratify me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane
and yourself
Yours most truly
Marie L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 29, 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you the label with pleasure. An introduced plant is not the treasure that a true native is, still as this grass had appeared on the island, I am glad I found it, and can add one more to the list. I believe every botanist who is also a quick observer who goes down there may still find something new, a form or variety if not a species, an introduced ^{or coming} plant if not a native. At the north end of Long Pond where the bridge crosses, there is a beautiful swamp and thicker, but I never knew any one to explore it; it is too far

from town for me to walk out and
do any thorough work and return
to town ^{in a day}, but if one would get board
with one of the Madaket farmers
he could explore the whole west
end of the island - Pot's Hills,
the two sides of the pond, and the
north beach for a long distance.
I feel sure that interesting discoveries
would be made.

Of course I meant the right
genus for that Aster, but I had
not the late manuals at hand,
and wrote out of my own head
without consideration. I suppose
I write more carelessly to you than
I should to a beginner; I know
that an error, if I commit one
will not lead you astray, and
also that you will not condemn
me as an ignoramus if I do make
a little slip - it is the beginners who

are most shocked by such mistakes.
However it is always my intention
to keep my wits about me, and to
write only the correct thing.

I wish I could get some new
subscribers - (or even one) to Rhodora.
I do not know a person here
who would be likely to take and enjoy
it. I gave up the Torrey Bulletin
and the Botanical Gazette long ago;
at that time they were going into
microscopic structural botany, and
chemistry & such things where I could
not follow them; what they have been
giving their readers since I do not
know.

I am always adding to my own
copy of the Catalogue whatever will make
it more interesting and valuable &
helpful. Every new find, of course, that
is well authenticated, and notes on one
thing and another, some cut from news-



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