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Dear Dr. Kennedy:-

Your letter at hand.
I have the B. W. Pottia's and my
own all packed ready to send
by express as soon as I can get
down to the office - tomorrow I
hope. I have not studied the
B. W. specimens any, so if you
see any changes don't hesitate to
write on the paper or envelopes. -
shall be glad to have you do so,
on either B. W.'s or mine.

I was very much grieved to hear
of your affliction - as were the
rest of my folks, - and we
wish to express our earnest
sympathy. We heard of it
first from Mr. Fernald who
spent Sat. & Sund. (Jan. 28 & 29) with
me. Am glad to hear
that you and your son are

convalescing, and hope your fears in regard to Mrs. Kennedy will not be realized.

So far, we have all escaped the grip, though nearly all of us have had more or less severe colds.

Perhaps you may be surprised to learn that I have not worked (in the shop) but 9^(?) days since I visited you in August. The cough, with which I was afflicted at that time, improved so that I returned to work again a few days later, but I did not fully recover and about the middle of Sept. had to give up again. Kept getting worse till early in Nov. and since then have apparently been steadily improving, though very slowly. Cause,

bronchitis and kindred complications. The most obstinate trouble was caused by two patches of false (catarrhal) tissue in the throat which required a month or more of constant treatment to reduce.

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I am not a well man by any means yet but am out most every pleasant day. and have gained 9 lbs since Thanksgiving.

As you may suspect I, too, have done no botanical work to speak of for 5 months, though at times, when I have felt the best, I have done a little light work and also a little writing. Am in hopes to feel well enough to do some in earnest soon.

I shall send the package by express, addressed the same as this letter.

I do not know that I am in any ~~special~~ hurry about the return of the Patten's - whenever you get through studying them.

With kind regards to you and yours.

J. F. Collins

126 East Ave



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