

possible for him to  
make arrangements  
to come to Cambridge  
even for a part of the  
time certainly before  
Christmas. After  
Christmas he may  
perhaps find time but  
on the other hand,  
he does not feel  
sure that he may not  
be worse off then  
than now.

He said he did  
not feel that, with-  
out leave of absence,  
he could go away for  
a year but might be

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Dear Dr. Kennedy,

I am sorry  
that I was not  
able to be at the  
Botanical Club last  
week as there is a  
subject which I  
wished to talk over  
with you.

Last year I got  
Collins to come out  
and arrange the  
mosses of the James

collection. He began work on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and continued until April 1<sup>st</sup> coming two days in the week and sometimes oftener and was a good worker. He succeeded in getting James N. Am. collection into good shape but there remain packages of duplicates and foreign collections which I expect to have sorted and distributed this year. I also wanted him to do something with Faxon's Mosses and the duplicates of Sallivant.

a month ago I made him an offer to spend the whole college year of 1901-1902 working on mosses and asked whether he could get leave of absence for a year.

He would have been glad to come and the amount offered (\$1000 or \$1200) appeared to him satisfactory. But he cannot get leave of absence for a year and so far it has been in-

than leave it to Seymour.  
If an amount of it is  
there ought to be  
a regular, competent,  
biological assistant  
but that is out of  
the question for,  
although I have \$1000  
this which can be  
spent this year it  
will not be the case  
hereafter that is with  
any regularity. I do  
not know where  
to look for any  
competent person to  
come here temporarily.  
Do you think of any  
one? Yours, truly  
W. G. Farrow

willing to give up his  
Brown position for  
a definite longer en-  
gagement. Of course  
he is quite right in  
his decision and I  
wrote him that, while  
I certainly would be  
glad to employ him  
several years, I did  
not see my way  
clearly beyond the  
present year, I might  
be able to employ him  
longer but he must  
not be lead to give  
up a permanent place

for an uncertainty.

As it is, it is as uncertain whether Collins can come after Christmas that I feel that he is practically out of the question and I am wondering whom I can get to do the work. Do you know anyone? I do not want Grant and I can think of no one else.

When I was in Europe I found that I could get very valuable things in

exchange for sets of things of which there are duplicates in the James and Fullwanton collections and it is very desirable that our sets of duplicates should be arranged as soon as possible to take advantage of the offers I have. Of course I have no time to do the work myself nor has Seymour nor could I trust him if he had time. I should prefer to do it myself with the help of a secretary rather



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