

Hoosterwitz b. Dresden, July 7. 1913.

Dear Mr. Deane,

By your kind letters of June 17. and 23. that both came last week we learned the sad news of the sleeping away of Mrs. Deane's dear parents. We all unite in assuring Mrs. Deane and you of our cordial sincere sympathy in your bereavement. Dr. and Mrs. Coolidge have lived a long, beautiful and noble life and so they went quietly to the eternal rest. It is a wonderful death to sleep away without struggle, the most beautiful good-bye from this world. The lovely impression of the cordial kindness given to me by the venerable pair when I was introduced to them by you 18 years ago, lives forever in my memory. Wonderful, that Dr. Coolidge has just finished the 75th anniversary of his class and it is touching to think that President Lowell's congratulation got right the last pleasure to the venerable Harvard graduate. Last week on Tuesday we had the 18th anniversary of my father's death. How rapidly time flees. He would be now 91 years.

We are very glad to learn that Mrs. Deane and yourself have continued in good health all the time. My mother carries the burden of 79 years, but we are grateful she feels better this summer. Of course walking is yet hard and she has not yet ventured walking out of doors of our estate since that accident. However she has plenty of enjoyment at home

in our garden and spacious house and so she feels quite comfortable. My wife has taken charge of the care for the household entirely. I have yet to thank you for your kind letters of April and I think I understand now what you told me in a former letter of your significant meeting at Dr Goodale's house that you wished me having been present. Dr Goodale wrote me of it. He favoured me also with some wonderful photographs made by him after the Lumière-method. I am very glad to learn that my latest models have pleased you. It is a quite interesting study with the only drawback that these models demand too much time. The accuracy of the connection of the apparatus of insect and flower done in this brittle material can make quite nervous in certain cases and I think I gave the most possible that is possible here at all. We have got a curious summer. Since over 2 weeks it rains every day with a cool temperature as we otherwise have in March or October, and this seems to settle for all summer. We wished you could give us a little of your American heat, but alas! the eastern winds on the ocean blow all the warm air back to America, and we don't get anything of it. So we must be contented. The vegetation is very rich this year.

We all, my mother, my wife and I unite in very much kind love to Mrs. Deane and yourself and with all good wishes and the renewed assurance of our sincere sympathy I am very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka



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