

Providence, Dec 6, 1898.

My Dear Deane, Since the mountain can-
not go to Mahomet, the prophet must come to
the acclivity; though profit rarely comes to me
in any form. Ever since that ere I last saw you I
have been practically bed-ridden - and am even
now confined to the house, You, who now take a
birds-eye view of the field of nature, must there-
fore give me a summary of the occurrences therein, How
Rhodora? How the Crab? How are you and yours?
How you these in these latter days? Drop a line
to the doctoring. Any thing in prose or worse
will do. I hope to resume my duties on Jan 3^d, but
just now the prospect is not bright. Mrs B. goes to Bos-
ton each day, in all weathers. Regards to Mrs Deane -
Yours ever W. W. B.

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