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Tousset-on-Goles  
("God be on him, white-lipped  
runagate!") Aug 18, 1911

My dear Deane,

I send herewith a specimen of Lachnusites  
tinetoria (unless I am dreaming) from a new locality,  
I think probably in R.I. It has hitherto only from Wallis  
Point, South Kingston, where it was discovered some seventy  
years ago, by my father & Dr Geo Thaxter. My dear, good  
Darby, one of the best of men, was reported by Thaxter to  
have exclaimed on that occasion "I would do soon expect to  
see a palmetto here," I think it has since turned up also  
at a point back of East Greenwich, the name of which (com-  
mon all round!) at this writing escapes me, I've written  
Mrs Ewer to make us out a free ticket.

My dear fellow, you confirm my horrid dream,  
in re affairs botanical at Brown, "Then comes my dream  
again, I'd else been perfect." You can, I readily believe,  
appreciate the sickness at heart and stomach I  
experience, when I have to believe my poor old Department,  
hanging to be moribund, while it could have gone  
out in a blaze of glory a few years ago, when one mighty  
night, Meteors flight for its elevation, Better that the  
whole collection of Olney, myself and many others better  
known, had perished there in unappreciation and idly,  
foreign hands, to have lived to be scattered or mis-used.  
You, who propose to give a collection of your own, must know  
how I feel, fit like Cain's Marion amidst the ruins of  
my beloved Carthage, To show the utter lack of Botanical

knowledge - or even of liberal educated culture  
on such matters, Prof Faunce once said to me, "The  
herbarium must be, is it not? almost complete and  
finished," fancy the tears that beset this page, Here  
are some of them 0 0 0,

Now that you have laid the egg of an idea that you  
will visit us ere long, cannot you and Rand, proceed  
to incubate it? Or ~~will~~ not this seven times serenely-  
heated weather suffice to bury it to fructus?

With some twinkling of the sluggish cerebrum  
I can fancy certain cool & sparkling September days  
in which a party, consisting of two Cantatas three Branc-  
omians - will continue to explore Sweet, York is the  
street opposite to such. What, if any thing, do you  
know of this Inn of York, who succeeds  
to the chain made vacant by Collis? You  
speak of affairs - as if you knew,

With ever continued & kind regards  
to MacDeane, in which if they were here,  
my wife & I would join, I am Ollie Van, ever

I am disloyal servant

Set to command in

all this

Ollie Bailey



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*Walter Deane correspondence*

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