

not be shown further -

Meanwhile rest assured I shall be glad to help either Mrs Bailey or yourself in this matter -

While she had a strong feeling against the College (or not without reason) yet both Mr Koopman & Prof York were good friends of Prof. Bailey -

While I would like to see you all at the Club. I am a lazy man with family care & being out half the night now means more than it formerly did -

With best wishes to your
self & Mr Paul

Yours very truly
W. H. Weston

and
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May 22 1914

Dear Mr Deane

Sometime since Mrs Bailey spoke to me of the burden of disposing of the Professor's books & I went through what she termed his botanical books. It is a miscellaneous lot, not a well selected collection either on general botany or on systematic botany more or less books given him by publishers as to a teacher or those distributed by state or government authorities, though ^{there} are some good books. This is not at all strange as he worked with the library at the Laboratory & did not need to own the books.

At that time I did not dis-

cover any sentiment regarding West Point. Mrs Baileys main point was how to get the most for the books, after fixing up the college library. I gave her after considering various means, my best advice, & offered to sell the lot for 10% commission, being convinced that both from my knowledge of the books & of Mrs Baileys friends I could get for her far more than from an auction sale or an outright sale to a dealer.

This I generally refuse to do as 10% is actually less than the expense but in this case there is the personal element. Even in this case I would not do it except for the lot as a whole. Should the good things be sold I would not care much for the odd ends as the good & bad must go together.

The amount left Brown was very small & I do not think Koopman & York who I think were to do the selecting would be captious -

~~The~~ As to West Point I do not know the conditions there, but to take these books ^{such} as they are & give them to an institution as Prof Baileys Library, would seem to be unjust to his memory, as judged by these books his place would not be flattering.

The needs of the family do not enter into the question, as two of the members have good salaries equalling what the Professor made & even the third seems to be doing well.

I have written very frankly & while of course Mr Rand should know these things I would rather this should



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