

With cordial regards to Mrs. Deane and best wishes

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Deachery

Ans'd
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East Hartford, Conn.

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Dear Mr. Deane:-

I expected to see you before this - however, I am always more or less the prey of uncertainty when it comes to making plans and am never surprised nor much disappointed when I have to make sudden changes or omissions. At least, as a matter of emotional economy, I try not to be much disappointed. But I did want to hear what Pres. Brainerd had to say about Blackberries.

New Rochelle, I have had an exceptionally pleasant winter. One of its pleasing events was the Wagnerian opera in New York. As you very likely know, they give a special performance of the "Ring" each winter, in a series of four weekly matinees. Our train service is so arranged that we can go down to a matinee performance and be home by ten o'clock in the evening, very comfortably. So this year, my mother bought season tickets for the Ring.

Last summer was the first for five years that I have had any considerable time in the field and if I didn't make the most of it, at least I made as much as I could.

I have some duplicates - but you have so nearly everything that I suppose it is no use to offer any of them to you.

I am sending you, however, in fulfillment of a previous threat, a specimen of Panicum Commersonianum from South Windsor. Even this is not so good as I could wish. I collected the "vernal" culm on a hot dry day and had no opportunity to spread the material: and by the time I got it home the leaves were dried up past remedy. But I am sending it along for what it is worth.

This is an inadequate little note and very much about myself; but back of it is the memory which I always have of the many pleasant hours and the many kindnesses for which I am indebted to you.

I hope you, too, have been having a good time and will let me hear about it when you are so disposed.

He was peculiarly unfortunate, being prevented by sudden little illnesses or other unexpected events from going to any of the performances. I, however, got to three and missed the fourth only because our water-pipes froze that morning to freeze. And to us, there is no keener pleasure than to hear that great and peculiarly stirring music rendered as perfectly as they now do it at the Metropolitan.

Then, I have had several visits to Cambridge: and best of all, perhaps, I have been unusually busy with many little things - enough to keep me occupied without working me too hard. And that I consider a happy condition. There has been work on the Connecticut Botanical Society's herbarium; the finishing of what Mr. Bissell and I have been doing on the Bassett herbarium at Wesleyan; and four hundred odd numbers of my own to classify, mount and distribute. Some of the mounting has been done for me, but even so, there remains a time-consuming lot of work, as you doubtless know from past experience.



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