

Springfield, Nov. 24. 1895 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much obliged for the Lemna and the Solidago - very nice specimens. The "Notes from my Herbarium" seemed to me the most interesting I have seen yet; do keep on. For still another thing I send my thanks, - the names of those two wretched specimens -

I hope the "Curious oak" is going to prove something very pleasing; let me know if you gain any glory from it -

I suppose Mr. Batchelder is still in Manchester, unless he is going about the country seeking for some opening for a music teacher and organist, - a difficult thing to find for a man of his age. Every community now is overstocked with music teachers, young people mostly who live with their parents & pay no board, so can afford to give lessons at very low prices. Their



instructions may not be worth any more than they ask, may be a positive injury to the paper, but what does the average parent know about that?

Mr. Batchelder is not of the highest rank in his profession, - not one of those who can command the highest price for all their hours, and have besides a waiting list of applicants begging for the first vacancy. His wife has been suffering from nervous prostration for some three years, but she is with her father & mother in her old home. Her father is very well off, and she is more than welcome to stay with him and her mother, so the case is not as pitiful as a great many are. They have no children, though they lost a dear little girl about eight years ago.

I do not hear from Mr. B. directly, but I happened to meet an intimate friend of his wife's last Thursday and inquired after him.

Yours with kind regards  
Maria L. Owen.



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