

Springfield, Feb. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I write this supplement to my last letter to ask if a collection of Hepaticae that I have would be of any use to the N.E. Club. It is so old that many of the names are superseded now, but the collectors were Oakes, W. L. Sullivan, W. D. Greene, Prof. E. Tuckerman, J. G. Lea and John Lewis Russell. Mr. Russell left it to me with a number of other similar things, by will. He died in 1871 (I think) and the collection is much older than that. It is not large, not more than twenty-five genera is my guess without looking over it, all in excellent order in the old-fashioned way of mounting. Mr. Russell's specimens are mostly from his own county, Essex, and Brattleboro, Vt., and range in time from 1840 to 1851; a few were collected in Maine in 1833-4. You know the study of the cryptogams was

not advanced in this country in the first
half of this century and there may be of the
commonest kinds, but these collectors
were eminent in their time, as I need not
tell you. Now if the Club would like them
I will send them by express, prepaid to
any place at any time that you may
direct; on the other hand, don't accept
if you think they are too old to be of use,
I dare say that is the fact, and it
won't hurt my feelings in the least
for you to say so.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.



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