

Springfield, Apr. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Dr. Robinson may publish what he wants of my letter; I am glad to please him and feel much complimented besides. I don't remember, in detail, what I wrote, and I think if I had the letter back I might improve it, but I know just what Dr. Robinson thinks — that I should starve and stiffen if I got it into my hand again, but I should not. However, let him have his own way, — I get rid of some trouble at any rate, and I am pretty busy, as usual. But did not I tell you about the C.V.T.D.S. in two letters? I thought that the interest

You expressed in my first mention
of the society led me on to tell
you more about it in a subsequent
letter. If I did, please let Mr. Doane
have all the material and
make up the article as he likes.
I hope it will be a page long
so that I can have a few copies
& send round to my friends - &
this think I should want twenty-
five, although I would contrive to
use them to advertise "Rhodora"
Besides incidentally glorifying myself.
Perhaps Dr. Robinson will cut the
account by leaving out Mr. Peck's
letter; I consider it the very best
part of my account, but perhaps
it would make the article too
long, and the editor is, without

question, the best judge of that.
I had the dearest little
Houstonia root, all in flower, from
North Carolina the other day. I
think it was *H. Patens*, Ell. It
revived perfectly in water and spread
out its little violet-purple flowers,
and then I sent it travelling again
to Mr. Floyd. Some weeks ago I had
bulbs of *Aplectrum hiemale* from
the same friend; I gave those to
Mr. Canning of the Smith College
botanical garden; he is a first class
gardener, and an intimate friend
of Mr. Cameron of the Cambridge
bot. garden.

With regard to Mrs. Deane & yourself
Yours as ever
Maria L. Owen.



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