

Brooklyn. April 10. 1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send The MS. of The
History of The heather; it is just
a rough draft, as it shows for
itself. You may make any
criticisms or suggestions that
occur to you, and they will
be gratefully received. I should
like to have Dr. Robinson
read it and see whether
he would like it for Rhodora.
some time next fall. I hope
to go to Nantucket early in
July and while there to go over
everything that Mr. Appleton
told me, and go out with him

and take another look at
some of the plants - in short
I am going to make the
statements - I was going to say
"unassailable," but people can
assail anything, so I will
say this instead: I am going to
verify all that I record, so that
it will stand any and all con-
tradiction and come out trium-
phant. Mr. John Appleton is one of
the owners & drivers of pleasure car-
riages for summer visitors, a man
of superior intelligence and thorough-
ly interested in the preservation of
the little plants. He has no reserva-
tions from me, and I could not have a
better helper, & I shall write my paper
all over, perhaps while I am in Nantucket
and then will come the plan for printing.
Rhodora has the first offer. Yours most truly M. L. Owen

[Swiss April 10, 1908 letter]

What adjective would you ^(over)
use before "Heaths" in the
title? "European", "Foreign",
"Old-World", "Exotic" or what?
Or will the heading do as it
is? We have twenty or thirty-
(counting species) of the Ericaceae
which are all "heaths" in the
large sense of the word but not in
common language, and the three
that I mean are so called. I want
to have the title just right, as well as ^{everything} else

These letters have a personal - a
domestic feeling, apart from the ques-
tion of their information which is all
that a scientific journal would want.
I should like to see you and
since you wish some of the in-
cidents that have occurred in the
course of the past years since the
discovery of the first one, but
when shall I have that pleasure? I
don't travel so much as I used to
forty years ago. W. L. D.

(over)



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