

Randome, Mar. 21 - 1913

Dear Mr. Deane,

The card within shall
carry my Easter greetings to you
and Mrs. Deane, and I shall
write you a few lines besides.

Can you tell me the first name
of Mr. Olney, a Providence botanist?
He died many years ago,
but I told Mrs. Albertson (curator
of the M. Mitchell house) a rather
puffy story about him and she
kept it in mind for months, and

asked ^{me} a little while ago to write
it out which I am willing enough
to do. And what can I say of him?
Was he "eminent" or "well known" or
"good" or what was he? I never saw
him but once.

I hear from Nantucket some-
times — not as often as I used to,
for my old friends are dropping
away. Mrs. Starbuck died Feb. 22^d
at the age of 94, died of old
age. Never had a pain or ~~an~~
ache, — took to her bed when too
weak to be up, and was glad to be

thus; she slept much, was
happy when awake and finally
just stopped breathing. Oh it is a
great loss when a friend of a life-
time goes.

I had a pleasant letter
from Mrs. Batchelder today; she
told me of the rare grouse
that had been seen in Manchester.

Hoping that this may find
you and Mrs. Deane well,
Your sincere friend
Wm. L. Owen



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