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18 W. Gilman st.,
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My dear Deane:—

Have you deserted
me? Or have I deserted you?
It is quite an "age" since I heard
from you—

I think I wrote you just before
I left Lafayette, did I not? I
left there Sept. 1, staying until the
last minute I could spare. Hardly
had I got settled here until the
news came of the arrival of a fine
boy! How I kicked myself for
not staying two days longer! But
the exact time of such events "no
feller can find out" and I had
no reason to think it would occur so
soon. Trelease's long expectation
was a warning to me. He & his wife
left St. Louis early. She came here
in May and he closed his work
by June 1 and came on. Daily—

hourly almost—they expected Mrs. T. to be confined, but it did not happen until June 29!

I did not get to see my wife and youngster for two weeks. It was impossible to get away until the work was under way here. The boy is a fine one—weighed $8\frac{1}{2}$ pounds at birth and has gained steadily since. Mary had a pretty hard time, ^{and} on account of the unusual hæmorrhage, she has been slow in regaining strength. She is not yet able to travel, though gaining rapidly now. I expect her and the boy in about 2 weeks.

Mother staid at Lafayette with her and shipped the household goods Oct. 1. I am now putting in all my spare time unpacking. Mother will come in a few days and we will get the house in order before Mary comes.

I wrote you at length about our new building. It is progressing rapidly now and the President says will be ready by Jan. 1. We hardly

agree with him, and do not expect to get in before March. Not much will be done in it this year. In the mean time my quarters are very comfortable, tho' not commodious. I have my private room in the herbarium room, a general laboratory and three small rooms for advanced lab. and supply rooms. Besides there is the general lecture room on the first floor.

My work is heavier this term than any other. I have two lectures per week to the biology class, who are using our Plant Dissection for their botanical training; 3 lectures per week to the Pharmacy students on general morphology & physiology of flowering plants. Besides this I have to oversee laboratory work 3 hours per week in the A.M. and 4 hours per week in the P.M. The rest of the laboratory oversight is done by the assistant, Mr. Russell, who also provides material for work. My spare time is however well arranged, so that I have, all of Tuesday

A.M. and all of Monday, Wednesday
+ Friday P.M. After I get settled
at home I hope to be able to do
some work.

There has recently been allowed
to the department of botany \$3000
for additional equipment. We already
have about 25 microscopes. This
appropriation will allow me to
supply the dept abundantly with
microscopes and will provide a
number of other pieces of apparatus
which we need. In a year I expect
to be in good shape for work.

Wish you could come and see
the place. We have the most beauti-
ful campus I have ever seen and
the fame of the town for beautiful
situation, scenery and tasteful homes
has doubtless reached even to Cam-
bridge in connection with the late
Presidential visit.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs.
Deane, and believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

C. R. Barnes



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