March 11, 1903.

RBarnes

My dear Deane:-

When I came home January 5 and found your note and photograph Inlaid the letter aside saying to myself that I would answer it at the very first opportunity. Unfortunately that opportunity seems to be further off now than it was then, for I am engaged in picking up the threads of dropped work and responsibility, and have hardly had time to sleep. When one is nearly a year behind the botanical literature he is in much the same fix as Barrie's man who was accustomed to read the Times through every day and after an illness struggled manfully to catch up, but he never did! I fear I shall never catch up with botanical literature again. I have only time to say that we went through our nine months in Europe not only without serious illness, but with only that fatigue to Mrs. Barnes which occasionally compelled her to desist from attention to picture galleries and museums. She surprised herself and me by the amount of walking and sight-seeing which she did. We both enjoyed ourselves immensely and I came back thoroughly rested. Indeed according to my friends I am almost fat. At a y rate, I feel thoroughly vigorous and ready for work. I was delighted to hear from you and to know something of your doings. Give our warmest regards to Mrs. Deansand say that we are not willing to surrender the hope that you and she will yet get as far west as Chicago to visit your brother and that we shall certainly expect a share of that visit.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Walter Deane,

Cambridge, Mass.



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