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Miss Charlotte M. King, Dept. of Botany, I. S. C., Ames, Iowa.

My dear Miss King:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your interesting favor of recent date. I*was a great surprise and a very pleasant one indeed to hear from you.

I wish to thank you most heartily for your very kindly greetings and complimentary remarks. I wish to say, I have endeavored as best I could and am yet doing so to carry out the wishes the great Creator whom I believe has given me this work in trust to do.

While I am writing you this, I am making something entirely new from one of the clays found near here. Now as to your request, I am trying to get the information for you. None of our musical people here seem to know anything about such an instrument. I remember seeing one somewhere in my travels either at the Smithsonian Museum or the National in Washington. They are what some call the Reedstrant As I remember, these what I saw, consisted of an octave of Reeds. The longest being twelve inches, maybe fourteen. The shortest about three inches. They were pinned together. I am writing Prof. Talley and also a musical friend of note and as soon as I can get the information, I will be pleased to convey it to you.

I presume that you know that I had the pleasure of having dear Dr. Pammel down to see me twice and Dr. Ball was also down to see me. So I confess that I feel highly favored.

With sincere good wishes and most pleasant and helpful memories I am

Very truly yours,

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Director of Research and Experiment Station.