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Miss Hortense Butler,
Peterson, Iowa.

My dear Miss Butler :

The only sound I hear issuing from Iowa is a prolonged silence. I heard from you on the way, but nothing since, and it is only round-about reports that lead me to be assured that you arrived home safely. I was greatly pleased with what you told me about your visit with Dr. Calvert and his cordiality towards our joint work. I have since received a box of specimens from him, brought in person by Dr. Bradley. A considerable number of specimens, some of them new to our collection, appear to be in the box, but I have put them away in a glass-top case without studying them.

I have reformed.

I have sent papers to Tillyard.

I have cleared up my desk.

Moreover, I have already had a letter from Tillyard, saying that he supposes it is due to you that he has at length succeeded in attracting my attention and getting some papers, which is indeed not far from the truth.

Things are running here in the laboratory much as usual and other work is going as usual, though dragonflies have temporarily been receiving less attention.

With best wishes to your mother, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

James S. Matheson