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Mrs. Hortense Butler Maywood,
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My dear Mrs. Haywood :

At this same time I am having sent you from the office a copy of "The Life of Inland Waters", which has at last been published. Herewith I enclose duplicate of a part of the manuscript for our dragonfly handbook, which I am beginning to have typewritten. I shall keep your original in one place, a good copy in another, and with this third one in your hands it ought to be pretty safe. I have had no time for consecutive work upon it, as yet. It has been a year of disturbance in the Agricultural College and our troubles are not yet entirely settled, but I am hoping to get some time to work on the book again during the summer. This handbook is the next thing to be finished.

I have just had unfortunate news of Miss Noyes, to the effect that she has had to give up her work and go home and rest. I have written to her at Haverhill. Her report of a visit to your home was the last that I have heard of you. I trust you are all well and that you will write me again soon.

Yours sincerely,

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