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Dear Sir,

When I had the pleasure of seeing you a short time since, you may remember we were speaking of the Beech trees, and you were enquiring if I had ever remarked whether the trees in our neighbourhood bore nuts - I do not remember your exact precisely in making the enquiry whether it was that you were desirous of planting a few as shade trees or whether you wanted them on a larger scale -

I have put up a small paper of the nuts and shall try to send them to town in time for Miss Margaretta's return home - a sufficient number for planting any there about the house - if however you would like to try more another year and would inform me it will give me pleasure to obtain them for you -

Neither are the Beech a tree of slow growth, and does best upon high ground. Your situation however seems more moist and I have no doubt it would thrive well there -

I am much gratified to hear my little nieces and Miss Margaretta get on so well together - please present me to them, as well as to Mrs Bonnie and the young ladies - and accept for yourself

Dear Sir
Very truly yours
H. M. Rule

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