New Boston, N.H. 03070
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Dear Josh:

I trust I don't have any letters or other papers from or about Ed Tatum and such memories as I have are not concerned with the development of the biological sciences.

We saw a good deal of each other at two points: graduate school at Wisconsin and the years he was at Yale and lived in Bethany.

As a graduate student, he did a great deal of hanging around the laboratory: long hours, not too much obvious excitement. I particularly...

"Chairing" The Meetings

As I have often said to others, I believe that Ed's great contribution to science was the multidimensional support he gave to you during your first two years at Yale. He supported you when you went out if you way to antagonize. He even took you into his home and which you proved civilization from spirit was not a human thing. Ed was always kind; I had no

I think that he would care enough to do for anyone, what I believe he did for
you memo asking for this information arrived within the last few weeks. I see now that it was dated Nov 8, 1876. Don't ask me where it has been — the envelope is not available.

Sorry I cannot be of more assistance. At least, if the memoir is already written, I shall not have wasted much effort.

You are welcome to use any scraps worth cleaning.

Very best wishes, as always,

Pally

(Mary J. Bunting)

Remember the "experiments" he would conduct using one test tube. He made his own rules while developing his hypotheses — as we all do — if he managed with far less bayework than most of us.

When we talked later about those graduate years, we agreed that the person who did most to further our education was Macoun Johnson. Man's (good - natured)

"What the hell do you think you are doing?" questions were the test that moved us forward more than any support or criticism from the faculty. The good seminars were those in the laboratory, day or night, with him.