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My dear Mr. May

I duly received today the note and accompanying article on the new bird, and am much obliged for the same. I find that the supposed new "Dendroica" is quite another species. We have just had a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences at which a resolution was passed excusing you from attendance at the Academy, while abroad in the service of the U. S. and excusing also from sending an excuse. By the present law, as you have been absent from four consecutive meetings, on the next session (Hartford, Aug. 13) your name would be stricken from the rolls of the Academy, unless you send satisfactory excuse. We had a pleasant meeting and adjourned to Hartford Aug. 13. The American Association for advancement of Science meets at Burlington Vt. Aug. 21.