

THE SHAW SCHOOL OF BOTANY.

WM. TRELEASE, PROFESSOR IN CHARGE.

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Dear Dr. Gray:

Now that I am getting settled in St. Louis - though by no means well at work yet - I want to write you about something that I have had in mind since spring, when Mr. Shaw told me that he had had some conversation with you regarding the publication of Dr. Engelmann's writings in a compact and convenient form. So much drudgery must of necessity be done in an undertaking of this sort, that I should like to relieve you of as much of it as possible, and, if you like, will gladly do all of the work that you wish to entrust to me. At any rate, if you will kindly tell me what your plans are, I can hope to be of some use in one way or other.

Judging from present appearances, the opportunities for work are greater than the prospects for an adequate number of advanced students — or, for that matter, of students of any grade; but I hope we shall get them in time. In this respect the University is of comparatively little help, as it can only spare one class of beginners two hours a week.

In order to be where I can use the Garden fully, and see Mr. Shaw frequently, I have located in the library of the Museum building, where I expect to dig most of the time. By the way, a little influence ought to be brought to bear on Dr. Engelman, with reference to his father's Herbarium. Some time since the duplicates of the collection were sent to the Garden, but, as I

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understand, he could not quite
reign himself to seeing his
father's personal collection
leave the house. However, the
herbarium is too valuable to be
kept in a private house, where
it is not readily accessible;
and, in my estimation, is ought
moreover to be where it will be
properly looked after and where
it is safe from fire — all of
which points constitute argu-
ments for its transfer to the
fireproof building at the garden.
I hope, too, that as collections
come up, we may be re-
membered at Cambridge, for
I am anxious that every possi-
bility shall be utilized to make
the new school what we all hope
it is to be.



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