

will I hope go far to meet
your views in reference to
a Lichen = part — of the
Cryptogam volume which you
design to add to the Manual

With time I will certainly
do all that I can — &
whatever I do, if not itself
available for your purpose,
can doubtless be made so.

Yours sincerely

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Professor Gray.

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Boston

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Dear Doctor

I have never attempted
to collect "Carter". My collection embraces
beside Pres^t Lincoln & Drs. Sartwell
& Robbins, & Gray & Wright — only seven,
all Lichenists. Receiving several, it
occurred to me that I sh^d like all
the lichenologists — but Mr. Lander
preferred to give me an exceedingly
decrepit head of Montagne — and
two others, to whom I applied, gave
me nothing — so I tried no more.

This accounts for my never having
asked a copy of one of your pictures.
If you will let it share a place
in my very humble gallery — I shall
be much pleased to have it, and,
as you suggest, in more than one
form. And I am glad to send
you what is considered a good
one of myself.

I heard from Fries lately (4 Nov.
1867) when he appeared to be well
though calling himself old & only
able to enjoy botany in print.

I shall be happy to get
Engelmann's funcei by Express:
but feel that I have done
very little to deserve a copy.

His labours was great in
settling some of his conclusions;
& I shall try to settle my
doubtful species, when I get
the normal collector.

My Genera of Lichens is in
its last chapter — but the
revision may be in itself a
considerable work — as I have
included a good deal of
matter which belongs rather
to a "Resume of our Species"
or this I may exclude: suppose
I ought to. I wished to
make at the same time with
my Expose of Systematic views, a

Report on what is known in
all the more difficult — or
nearly the larger part of our
Lichen Flora, & this has cost
time & space — though the
long talks on the changes
I have proposed in the
Arrangement — took up enough.

As soon as this first book,
is done I will at once go
at a book of Species in some
form — & sh^d like also to give,
a series of popular articles,
with plates — application for
which has been made by the
Editor of the Naturalist. If I can
get the drawings made right,
this may be a useful work,
& it will give me a chance
to support, in figures, my views
of the System.

These proposed undertakings



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