

P. S.

I wrote you, asking you to my house, immediately on receipt of my notice from the Secretary, of the time of meeting. But the President of the A. S. had the knowledge before, & wrote before. And above all it was fitting he should have the pleasure of introducing you to the Assembly — as he had also the carriage, horses & practical ability in every respect, including the use of all his senses. I am right glad that all fell to his lot, & confident he will make it pleasant for you than any other could. But can you not give us a day, or more?

Amherst
6 Oct. 1875

Dear Doctor

You have actually been at my Hampshire home — & gone — & I do not feel as if I had half expressed to you the pleasure of seeing you — or done half to show my pleasure otherwise.

I wish to thank you, on my ^{own} behalf, as oldest representative here of botanical study, for your coming to the festival — & to say how soon I am that I wish I ~~could~~ ^{could} put it out of my power to do more to show my thankfulness.

Botany has long been, & is cultivated here with no little interest and care, & you have long been the teacher of teachers & taught alike.

It is much however to have among
us the living Protestant ~~scripture~~ works
as our daily & hourly guides. I
hope you will find this day in
all respects a pleasant one, despite
the gloomy weather.

But is it not possible, to have now
to my second governing thought,
for you to give our day at
least, or more, to a little
visit to me before you return?

I enjoyed, I need not say, the
little you had opportunity to stay
last night, — it seemed a strange
& novel pleasure — to such degree
has my want of being led me
to feel withdrawn from social
intercourse — but I fancy it was
easier to you than perhaps you expected,

And that, were you only with us,
you would find it none too
great an effort to say more.

A day; two days, three days,
if only the weather permits, will,
I venture to promise, be made
pleasant for you, if you can
delay a little, now that you
are at my door. Will it not
rest you, more even than the
South Hadley gathering?

My brother came from England
a day or two since, & took my
wife to ride yesterday — getting
back soon after you left. She
was very sorry to miss seeing you,
& joins me in all the above. We
did not know whether you would
come by the early or late train.

Sincerely yours,

Edw. Tuckerman



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