

take any jog of my memory very
kindly.

Have it you made out that Com-
mittal yet? You will get jogged and
even punctured every time I write to
you till you tell me what it proved
to be.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Allen.

I suppose Mr. Morong lives in
Ashland but can not dare
enough to give in on the letter -

M. L. A.

Springfield
Nov. 21. 1886.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I enclose a letter to Mr. Morong
for you to read and if it is all right
for you to forward to him with any
supplement of your own that you choose
to add. ^{or} if I could better it please treat
it as a "composition" of one of your boys,
mark it ^{and there} ~~here~~ and send it back with
your comments to be re-written.

But if it is all right and you send
it there are some connected matters
that I want your advice about. A man
must have a companion of course and
who should it be? Mr. Morong would
have a preference about that, but he
might want you, and you might have
other plans. Or he might want to go
where you could not. All that, however, is
nothing to me, if he can get some one
to go with him, but if he is at a loss, how
do you think he & Mr. Foster would suit
each other? I wish you and Mr. Morong could

get along & that point in the course
of a fortnight & let me know. I
am going to Boston the 5th (or 10th) of
December and if there was going to
be a good arrangement I would see
Mr. Hitchcock and see what he thought
of proposing it to the other party - The
sum in the Treasury of the Lib. Society
is so small that I don't think it would
cover more than half the cost of the
undertaking, but Mr. Foster or whoever the
Companion was, would expect to pay
his share of all the expenses, and as
thus I am relying to keep the whole
plan from falling through - To diminish
Mr. Morong's expense, I am hoping to get
him invited as an honored guest
into some private family for his whole
stay on the island, but I said nothing
about that in my letter to Mrs. Lathrop,
who will be my aid and abettor

from beginning to end - It was necessary
to know first whether Mr. Morong would
go. He has already got a certain Capt. Gardner
on the lookout for a boat - Miss Place
feels, for he doesn't know what
kind of one will be suitable, but
no matter - he has plenty of time,
and may do the work all over when
he gets his instructions -

If you fall in with Mr. Dame &
wish you would tell him about this
matter; if it is settled that Mr. Morong
will enter into it I shall write and
tell Mr. Dame, but it is hardly worth
while to try to keep him informed ^{by letter} of
what may or not come to pass.

I shall look over my duplicates by & by
and pick out some for you. In addition
to the Hemisphaera & Eyp. infusus, I have
thought of the yellow Lathrus of W. Spid,
Tallineria & Anacharis that I promised
you. Perhaps that was all, but I will

[with Nov. 21, 1886 letter]

Don't hurry to
answer this - you
can send it
along to Mr. Murray -
nothing private in it
& so you save precious
time - M. L. O.



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