

to me you have become quite mature. — even if I could not find time to answer you two little notes that is no reason why you should not have given me or two more long letters about your life & your belongings — viz — the new text books — the old flora, (say nothing about delay of new class.) — the garden — the lectures — etc &c etc

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Keep young Hooker in mind — that set of botanical maps & herbarium — that all I want — I shall soon be ready to send ^{him} some things worth having — Best regards to Green & Tuckerman — tell me your opinion of just ^{my} Georgia herbarium is a lame question in this ⁴³ state with your ^{a few} ⁱⁿ two in the wrong
Sterling & Aug 1845

— from my many — reasons have not yet suggested for this — either personal or political — which explains my silence so long — I was only — stamp — experiments led to loss of my —

and April 24 —
address Augusta

Collected, 11th April 1845

Dear Gray — when did I write to you last? — it has been so long I have forgotten all about it — Business & the music have kept me so under whip & spur that I have entirely omitted all correspondence. — In the mean time I have I think only two unanswered letters from you (Dec 24 & Feb 28) — But have seen your welcome subscription on divers little renderings — viz — Loud Poem. But complete including March 45 — Botanical Lecture for 1844 except + Sticks 42-43-44-45 & 46 or from page 720 to 800 (there with this) — a newspaper containing a few specimens of maps — "History of Vegetation", this I see made a bust in a certain greater ^{size} hope no body is hurt — in addition receive the Peckerwood & the dog parrot — also the popin in the new composition — the descriptions of course "scattered about" — drawing & engraving very good — but two plants in so small a plate & in a work of that kind is not just the thing —

So much for sendings & receivings — next the unfortunate Mince — not ready yet — pretty much the old story over again — I have been this winter overwhelmed with turpines, but notwithstanding have worked a great deal at them & have accomplished a great deal — but the more you do the more you see is yet to be done — But of the endless labor, the time & patience in doing them up in the right way, it is not worth while to tell you for you can't believe it until you try it —

This is their "status in quo" — all the ~~specimens~~ specimens of the 254 species (including a few varieties) are glued down on the cards, a tremendous job, and ready for the books for which I have succeeded exactly in having made the kind of paper I wanted —

There will be 55 sets 2nd 4th each — 50 of them complete & accurately depicted where the monotony was not sufficient to run the whole — the whole concern in my report (without I leave my guess) will be something ^{more} ^{than} ^{15 or 16 new species still} ^{to} ^{be} ^{described} — don't be discouraged by the long delay, nothing lost I assure you by it, quite the contrary —

^{for 2 or 3 weeks past}
All work on them has been at a stand still in getting ready for a long journey which it was not certain until a day or two since I should have to make — Friends urge me to go to Georgia — of this I am glad — I hope to see part of it I have long wished to see — I shall start tomorrow — we, (Mrs S. her niece, & our little daughter accompanying me) shall go by rail to New Orleans, across to Mobile, up the Alabama river to Montgomery, thence to Auburn, Newnan, & Columbia Co. Ga where my brother lies, thence to Charleston S.C. & up the country to Baltimore & Adams & Cumberland road — A child wrote for Botany & health permitting I go it strong — have allowed myself plenty of time to middle of June if necessary — and then, you know one is not apt too get home sick when his family is with him! —
Mure, Allegh. must walk up to 300 — that is to be the Ultima Thule for this time — all over, for Suppt I. — I wish I could have let you know of this trip sooner so that a letter could have reached me at New Orleans — write me at Augusta Ga or mobile Alab^a & give us any items or hints that may occur to you about botany, plants &c — when at Augusta if I can make matters out I shall go to Great Smoky N.C. I want to get among those little tops of mountains & spaghnum. There is some grand balsam among them, clear What have you been about of late? — It appears



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