

of these days he may return to
the Agray Office

How I should like to have spent
the holidays with you! As usual,
I suppose, the dear children had
a good time in your study.

I hope you will remember me
most kindly to Mr & Mrs. Loring
& to Mr & Mrs. Jackson, as well as
the other members of that pleasant
circle with whom I have spent
happy hours in Boston & Cambridge.

We are all in our usual
health at No 90. I never told
them ^{of} all the danger I was in
— & they are so hopeful that what
I did tell them, caused but little
apprehension. I have, however, had
a very narrow escape. Much love
to your dear daughter Ever yours
S. Torrey

New York, Dec. 29th
1858.

My dear friend

The Symplocos that you
want is not in my herbarium -
I had supposed it was there - but
it seems I was mistaken. Do you
remember seeing me have it?
Much do I regret that I cannot send
it to you.

To day I received the letter for Thun-
der (which will be delivered to him
immediately) - of the two Chenspod.
- The latter I will examine when I
go home

In some days past there has been
no movement against me. of which
I have any knowledge. There has
been a great deal done by numerous

influential Democrats, to prevent any
being removed. I am glad that it
was done without any request from me.

The Superintendent himself has found
that he has gone far enough in
the matter. I had a long talk
with him two days ago, & he perfectly
strongly regarded for me. & entire con-
fidence in me as a man of science
& a man of truth. He will (I
think) stop all action against
me, but he may yet remove
my other two non-communional
assistants. About a week

ago he appointed a very inefficient
old fellow in Thurber's place. This
I am glad of - since T. has no hope
of being reinstated. ^{while the present Supt. is in office} Another assistant
could not well be removed until the

new one leaves the bureau - which
will not happen (should he live so
long) till about the close of the
millennium. I have concluded not

to resist this appointment - but to
treat the man civilly - & let the
others do the work. So, upon the
whole, I feel much better now
than I have felt for nearly
two months past. I have things

to do very much - but did
not write until I could tell you that
there something hopeful ^{in my} care
- & in regard to my remaining assistants.

Thurber has a comfortable room
in the Cooper Institute & is
working hard at his Agricultural
Biology. He will be able to
pick up something to live on. But



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