

THE ALSTEAD SCHOOL
OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Alstead Centre, N.H.

July 12, 1901.

My dear Miss Day -

Thank you very much
for letting me know about the letter
for Mr. Forsythe. Will you kindly
readdress it to him at Steelton, Pa.?

I am sending down a package
containing Scirpus atrocinctus and
Carex intumescens, var. terminalis (from
its second known station). I trust
that these will not be injured by
staying in the papers for a couple
of days - I think they will not.

We are now thoroughly absorbed
in our work with seventeen
pupils, giving us about all the
care to attend to. Some of us
have wanted to have guests
here at intervals, but it is very
difficult to find a room which
can be used.

I trust that it is now cool
in Cambridge as it is here. We
had it hot enough at first -
104 in the shade! But that weather
lasted only three or four days &
it is now cool and showery -

I suppose the summer school is now in
full swing and that you and Mr. Brewster
have daily lessons in the library! How
the apparatus to you yet for a reference?

It is nearly time for the stage to leave
so I must take the bundle over, the
stage driver has no idea of uppers
rates so I must send this to be changed.

Truly Yours
Herbert S. Townsend.

of Mrs. Hayes - And Sunday
we had a splendid day along
the Connecticut.

If there are any matters which
I can attend to before leaving
for northern Maine please let
me know here. I shall finish
my work here next Monday &
go to Cambridge Tuesday giving
a day & a half for matters there.
With warm regards to Mrs. Robinson,
Sincerely yours,

Nesbit R. Fernald

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find an Oxalis on Saturday
which I take to be true O.

stricta. It is abundant on
a gravelly wooded bank and I
am about to put in material
for the exsiccatae.

One of the finds this year
which has interested me most is
the true black maple which is
not rare along the Calo River.
I had found some small trees &
took Williams down to see them &

was ^{then} delighted to find a fine
lot of larger trees. True
Prunus Americana is also here
& the Balm of Gilead is one of
the commonest and largest trees
along the Connecticut growing with
Slippery Elm, Hegundo and
River maple.

This morning in getting
materials to illustrate a tree-talk
I found many canoe birches with
back yellow brown & a few trees
with bark quite as dark as in the

Very brief, then imitating to a striking
degree the Northwestern Betula occidentalis
which I suspect separates only by its
yellow-brown bark.

I was very sorry indeed that I could
not join Maclester in visiting your East Sunday,
but as I wrote Mrs. Robbins on the regular
tree Excursionists had to be put on Saturdays
so that I had to be there all day - William
came up Friday night and spent Saturday
evening about largely under the guidance



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