

It seems otherwise to belong only to
the Middle & South of Europe. (D.C.
Prager.)

My lectures have not been begun
yet, owing to the tardiness of Prof.
Shepard in getting through his course
of Mineralogy: but the students are
busy collecting their herbaria which,
I find, and retain as a required
and important part of the course.

These Herbaria make a fine show
at the "Exposé" being often very really
just as. I am inexperienced enough
in teaching, and shall not feel at
home for some years. Your works are
now the best-look, - Wood having
departed when I entered.

Yours sincerely
Dr. Tuckerman.

Amherst
13 June 1859.

Dear Doctor

Mr. Sprague shall be heartily
welcome here - & I doubt not the
pleasant country around us will
really set him up - and I wish
you would read him - assuredly
welcome - but if possible I sh^d
much desire that the work on the
Lichens could be postponed till Dec
3rd able to do it with the great
microscope. I have injured the
best lens in my instrument, a French
one supplied by Widdifield in place
of Schiller's glass - which I hope to

pieces in my clumsy hand his — and
he will not be able to do as
good work as with the Cambridge
instrument. But why can't
he come here for his seal,
or what he ought to make his
real object, health, and
why may he not leave the work
till a better opportunity at
home? I am quite sure the
microscope wd not suit him.
I mean to order a new lens
from Schick. Then I have no
micrometer eye-piece that will
give the required measurements in
millimetres — though one has been

making for me this long time. What
let me repeat that W. J. shall
be heartily welcome — & we will
try to make him comfortable while
he is with us. The weather is
very bad but the country looks beau-
tifully. Only String-bears in an
unfavourable space — & a very few *Sperdes*
show effect of frost with me.

I enclose an *Alyssum* which I
suppose *A. calycinum*; it appears
this spring in a piece of ground sowed
with what is called "Lawn-grass"
seed last fall. According to D.C. (Geg.
Bot.) it is only since 1835 that that
sp. has made its appearance in Great
Britain, introduced in the same way.



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