

12<sup>th</sup>. This note was put aside a  
not worth sending. But to day I have  
definitively accepted to go as a member  
of the scientific expedition now fitting  
by the Smithsonian Institution for the  
high waters of the M<sup>o</sup> & Yellow Stone.  
I may have to be poor on the way.  
If therefore you have some direction  
to give to me either for Sullivant's mosses  
or for any other matter please write me  
at once or convenient. - This under-  
taking is a hard one for my old  
bones. But I shall try to follow to the  
end (the end of my life) the work begun  
on American vegetable paleontology and  
thus explore as long as I am able to go  
Whitney's plants will be seen through I  
think before I leave.

Columbus O. 10<sup>th</sup> May 73.

My dear Prof Gray  
The loss of our most kind friend  
Sullivant has quite unmanned me. A true  
good friend is the nearest relative we have.  
I could not write you before now but sent  
you the papers with some account of him.  
For you want to write something about him  
for the Journal and some details of publication  
of his may be acceptable to you. - Did he  
write you on the publication of the 2<sup>d</sup> Vol.  
of the Stones? This vol. should be published.  
The plates are splendid and all ready and  
with Sullivant's notes, the descriptions can  
be made easily. Of course he has given  
you his herbarium (botany) at least  
he told me many times that it should  
go to your cabinet after his death and  
there is no more appropriate place for it.  
If it can be of some use here in any way  
please say so. Since I have left the  
mosses and the Microscope, my relations



with Sullivant have been his frequent but not less intimate. He was pleased to show me every thing about his work, preparations, plate &c. His cabinet of anatomical preparations of mosses is very valuable. It is mostly mounted for the Genus Orthotrichum; but this is the most difficult of all. — I am told that you are well but hope that it is not true. However you would too hard take care of yourself. Of the strong columns, you are the only one left. What could botanical science do without you. I see that DeCaisson too is dead. He was like Senoimand a friend of old; what a pity to be left alone on the road. —

I do not think going to Cambridge this year, I have too much to do at home. <sup>But</sup> Now I am examining Prof Whitney's fossil plants from the Cliffs of California; a most interesting study.

~~They~~ have the general character both of the old tertiary plants and of those of our time and what is remarkable and what I do not understand yet, these types are more like our Oriental ones or nearer to our present species than to those of Japan. There is however a splendid species of Arabis much like a species which I saw in your garden marked Arabis papifera of Japan. Is this name right? I do not find it in the prodomus.

Of course I write you to have a talk about our lamented friend. If you are not well and too if you have no time, do not trouble you to write me.

Your friend very truly  
A. S. Tuzo

If Dr Whitney is at Cambridge and if you see him please tell him that I shall send him an account of his fossil plants in about two weeks.



Lesquereux, Léo. 1873. "Lesquereux, Léo May 10, 1873." *Leo Lesquereux letters to Asa Gray*

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