

Sharp - & truth to tell, that
is why I dread his questions.
I expect to be pulled over the coals,
any way as to the theory advanced
in my art. & only hope I
may come safely out of the ordeal.

Har had one of his flowers
from Prof. Dudley, of Cornell.
It is remarkably well got up.
The maps, especially, are admirably
done.

I am expecting to have a fine
time at Buffalo. Trust I shall
get there in safety, & so return.
Shall hope to see you sometime
early in Sept.

With kind regards to Mrs D.

I am very truly yours
Thomas Morong.

Ashland, Mass. Aug. 16. 1886.

My dear Mr Deane

I received both your letters,
the one of date, Cambridge Aug.
5. & the other of date, Aug.
10. - But as I was in a great
hurry to go down to Quincy, where
I have been the past week. I had
no time to answer. The second letter
was forwarded to me there. I have
just returned, & am here only for
the night, intending to take wing
for Buffalo tomorrow.

The letter of Aug. 5 you give
me the result of examining our
write ground plants. The Sauras
I made out as you name them -
also the Verbasum. Ballota nigra
is correct, I think. I have good
specimens from England, & this is

the same - only with a white instead of purple flower. The Smellings plant, of which you speak, I do not recognize at all.

You did not give me the name of the rank smelling latrate plant. I did not analyze it, having no time, but it struck me as a Neurarda. Althea officinalis is also correct. I know nothing of the Relbunops.

Your letter of Aug. 10, with the two Potamogetons & a grass - the Potamogetons are both correctly assigned - P. pectinatus and P. perfoliatus - The grass I have had no time now to put under a lens, so I can say nothing about it. Will look at it when I return home.

Have had a very pleasant letter

from Mr Hoar of Concord, in which he sends me what he takes to be fruit of Potamogeton Robbinsii, but which I am sorry the one obliged to tell him is only fr. of P. Claytoni. He would be a lucky man to get fr. of P. Robbinsii.

I am only too glad that "friend" Bebb is off so far that he can't put troublesome questions to me about that Nu- phar. You know that it is an old saying that "a fool can ask questions which a philosopher cannot answer," - not by any means that Bebb belongs to that category - he is one of the sharpest of the



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