

Acheron ultra Styx -
Hades, Isles of September -
A. W. C. 1892,

My Friend of the Upper World,

I passed to the shades on
Wednesday last, while waiting
for Charon I botanized the banks
of Styx, finding *Juncus stipularis*
and other characteristic plants. As
these specimens partake of my present
spiritual nature I cannot reserve
duplicates. By the by, Le Page's glue
is used even in Hell,

The act of execution was easy;
the suffering was wholly in an-
ticipation. As I have often remarked
there is no break, no lacuna, between
the two lines. One drops this, and
rises up in the other without sur-
prise. I perceive at once an ad-
vantage, however, in the adverse ex-
istence. Hellish spirits tell me they
have no pain, possibly because the
mortal elements still cling to me,
I myself have Pluto's own twinges
of facial neuralgia. I have tried
to get a further peek at Persephone
but cannot find the car Cereus
chained up. I'll fetch it yet!

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So return to earth; College opened
in due form on Wednesday, with
an entering class of 140, ex-
clusive of the Woman's Adjunct,
which admits 30 or 40, I have
50 men in my department of
Botany and carry 15 horses a
week of class-work. My rooms
are too small to hold them, I
have diluted myself, compressed
myself, etherized myself, and
still I am puzzled how to handle
such a crowd, I have a good
assistant with the advanced men
but oh! the prospective rush with
the primaries, The Pres tells me
I owe it to him, that he "has
been an apostle of Botany!" Be-
sides the question of room, is the
one of apparatus, of reading the
multitudinous papers etc.

I see by the August number
of the Gazette, and Britton's ar-
ticle, all the elements of a nice
little row, except the absence of
the parties of the second part!

3, Henry Gray's Memorial given in the anthracology;
How really he could inspire an autograph and
leave him anything on the pin! Well, I am not of
it all and shall keep out, I have you seen very
late for my father's diary? It interested me much,
I am at work on my Black Island notes, and 10,
and other things, I don't had youth, health, and
latent - I should make a racket, I tell you,

When are you coming to see they and
what! they are waiting for, though mine, so for
the Lady" is perfect and is possible "the is con-
founded" of every creature's head!"

While the run with them
I am always there -

W. W. Bailey



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