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Williamstown Aug 23^d

My dear Mark

I thank you most heartily for remembering us so soon on touching your native soil and I congratulate you on your safe return and your Alma Mater on all that she has reason to expect from you. And I know that she understands all that - Prof Whitney spent a little time with us at commencement and I am sure will be among your best friends. And it is no small thing for you or for any man to have him for a friend. I beg your pardon for not writing before but I was away for several days after your letter came and then my mother who came back with me was sick and Carl Fritz has been sick, so that really

I am not so deluged as I may seem to be.

Mrs Carter was greatly interested to know of your return and wants very much to see you and if it were practicable would invite you here at once. But it is not and we can only hope that the whirl and confusion which to us seems necessarily connected with American housekeeping will so give way to the peace and perfection of family life as it is in Europe that sometime within the year we may welcome you here. It would seem natural to see you on my left again.

As for news, what is there?

Miss Spalding has a baby, Franklin. Daniell I fear still has her old affection for pork in spite of all your numerous pamphlets, the bovine tunnel is one fifth done and there are many

other items which we might talk about which I cannot write.

Our term begins the 7th September - I shall probably be here most of the interior. Should you be in Albany or Troy you might run out here for a day or two. I miss some fine man, some one who with enthusiasm for nature retains affection for character. It will ~~be~~ do me good to see you. You can come from Troy in two hours and while I cannot invite you to make what would be a visit, if you will come for two days or even one we will do all we can for you. On your way to N. B. state it would be pleasant for us.

Your geological expedition cannot suffer for a day beforehand in this valley and although I can promise you no Nothwiner to recall the Rhine we

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might take a cup & kind words yet for
a stick"

My regards to Dan & Annie.

With much affectionate regard from
Mrs Carter

Very truly yrs

Franklin Carter

P.P. Let me know if and when I may
expect you.

Williamstown Feb 15th 1867

My dear Maish,

I send you seven specimens of one variety and six of the other as nearly as my unpractised eye can determine - We are completely adrift in Nat. Science now but expect to have Perry from Darns College for Nat History and a professor of Chemistry &c soon. I know nothing about the methods of exchange but I see that these things are valuable therefore I pray you to restore them within three months. I have put in besides the thirteen specimens of coral one large piece of the surrounding rock. I don't know, but I suspect you are wrong in your conjecture -

At my rate give Dr Grunous now

beyond the reach of human praise
a puff of you more time wrong. We
had some genius but he fell on evil
times and died without seeing the
triumph that finally awarded his views.

Mrs Carter enjoyed Mrs Rankin's
letter. I enjoyed it a little but some-
how those days of freedom and
peace seem a long way off.

Remember me lovingly of
my friends whom you see in New
Haven and believe me

Very truly yours

Ferdinand Carter

P.S. Mrs Carter means to write to you
some time -

F.C.

March 2th 1867.

My dear Charles,

I was very sorry not to see you when I was in Cambridge last vacation. Can you name a time when you will come & see us? I do not like to lose the privilege of seeing you at least once a year.

I write to day to ask you if you know any botany man in Berlin or other university town, to whom you would be willing to apply for an exchange of fifteen hundred botanical specimens of the neighborhood for fifteen hundred of his own.

If so, and will write I will be much obliged to you and will send you the postage stamps above.

Mrs. Carter would send you

Wish you of the best I am writing -

I am feeling well.

So come and all me -

Yours truly

Franklin Center