

ELLESMERE HOUSE,  
WILMSLOW ROAD,  
Withington ~~FALLOWFIELD~~,  
MANCHESTER.

May 12. 1876

My dear Spencer

I have received your  
very interesting & important  
papers on the Horn expedition  
which you kindly sent me.  
I do not know exactly when  
they arrived because I have  
been away for nearly six  
weeks in the delightful  
occupation of getting married  
& honey-mooning.  
You may not have heard  
that last winter I became

engaged to a lady who was  
formerly one of my pupils  
at Gorton; I am now most  
happily married to her.  
This great change in my life  
has been an immense joy  
to me; I had renoued a cloud  
of sorrow & disappointment  
which ~~had~~ shadowed my  
life ever since I have been  
here. Of course my marriage  
has temporarily interrupted  
my work ~~for~~ but now  
I feel that I can recommence  
with new energy &

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determination; I hope to be  
able to send you some results  
before long.

I hope my wife will be able  
before long to bring out a  
revision of the species of  
*Melipora* based on the anatomy  
of the soft part.

Things are going ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> quite  
now. Hurst has gone to Dublin  
& Gamble is Senior demon-  
strator, Ashworth a recent  
Student is junior. I am  
sorry to say that at present  
we have not Research fellows  
in the lab. The Berkeley fellows  
have been stopped.

The junior class is larger than  
ever but there are not many  
in the senior class. We have  
7 women working in the lab  
— a new innovation this year  
—. With best wishes & many  
thanks for your paper  
I am

Yours very sincerely  
Sydney J. Hooker