

26 St. John's Street
 Manchester
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My dear Lydia

Allow me to remind
 you that this the season for
 Mosses and Lichens which, more
 especially the latter are best
 gathered at this season. Many
 of the Mosses are now in fruit
 and under a lens are beautiful
 objects. You may without a
 book or being particular about
 discriminating species be

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familiarizing yourself with
their structure and appearance.

In the Botanist all seasons are
interesting and afford objects
for examination. Your district
must be rich in subjects.

There are two works you ought
to have. One Mr. Sees's
Botanical Looker-out a
most charming work, full of
incident, information, poetry
and beautiful thoughts. Miss J.
The other Lindley's Glossary of
terms used in Botany with
wood cuts price 5/- would be

very useful to you as it explains
all the hard words and illus-
trates their meaning by real
figures.

With the compliments of the
season to yourself and your
Papa and Mamma.

Believe me

Yours sincerely
John Leigh

Miss Becker