

Dublin

My dear Dr Gray

I have
acceptable letter
I immediately add
Mudge Don went
had no copy of the
than since No 51 - 1
ing their acct for the p
as I wish to remit
In your acct - I saw
their copy but daily
when I shall at once
In the present year -
last time I sent up
2 of your acct with me
I now have you on
of payments since
which makes the bal
from March 18 - 1867
which after I have
will still leave me
on your debt - I am
sorry you are not
a more formidable

Gray's health, but I trust the coming
spring more mild weather may
help to strengthen her -

I read & was much pleased by your
transmission of the obituary of your
excellent father in law Mr. Loring
where none was so fitting to come.
He seems to have been as widely
known as he was much respected.

Our circle here has received
recently a severe blow in the death
of my sister Mrs. Dean wife of Mr.
Amos Dean one of the Represen-
tatives of our City in Parliament. She
had been for some time in delicate
state of health, nevertheless, as is
so usual the sad termination
appeared sudden. She lived at
Wenkston near Kingston about
5 miles from this City -

Political matters are not quite
settled at either side the Atlantic -
Great Britain has the chronic trouble
of Ireland & your Government "the
South" - I know, as you say, after
another year you will probably settle
down to the new state of things which
may evolve out of the present transi-
tion state - The restoration of your
currency will I fear for long present
an ordeal from which society will
shrink - I will must pinch all payers.

Dr. Ada Gray in a few
1866
Nov 3 J. B. Alceduno &

1867
March 5 - rem^d Dr. Hooker
" " do Henry Clarke
" 18. Maudie & John Chm
" } for 1866 & 1867
" " do Boland dund

1867
March 18. Robert dund Dr. G

4 Then we have the "Church
question". Whether we should
have a state Church in a
country where 3/4 of the population
are W. Catholics - At present all
tithes fall on the Landlord, for
when a tenant pays he deducts the
amount from his rent, so that in
this respect the tenant is not prejudiced.
But suppose the tithe rent
charge were abolished - It becomes
a question what should be done
with the money - The amount
is about £500,000, ^{£100,000} & if merely
abolished the entire would remain
with the Landlords, who now pay
it - To what purpose then should
it be applied? - Is it to be ap-
plied to Ecclesiastical purposes,
how to be divided amongst the
various religious bodies? -
Is to be applied to Educational
purposes again, the question
arises how to be divided - The
Roman Catholics or not at all
satisfied with our National Schools,
altho' their clergy have done the

5 I never grant reli-
gion to the children
community - They do
Then there is the
the ^{Clergy} ~~Parsons~~ on not
their flocks should
faithful and good
University, or the
city; ~~but~~ they do
city for themselves
with a hard some
the power of granting
In fact they seek
isolation from all
in every possible way
ing party however
sym of all sympathy
flocks, & others -
I fear that the same
one day from London
the States - I think
element with you -
very bad influence
inducings and ed
line of action, preserving
their consciences, in
the Irish vote -
We are somewhat in
real objects of bene



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