

I hope your Rocky Mountain
trip with Dr. Hooker will be
all you hope, and that you
will return in safety.

Perhaps I can bring my
children down to spend
a half hour in the gardens
and just see you
before you go.

But please do not
absorb any of your valuable
time either in correspondence
and or in calls.

I shall not expect any an-
swer to this except the re-
turn of my communication
to Dr. H.

Yours very truly
G. D. Wright -

Andover, June 5, 1897

My dear friend,

Perhaps you have
not seen this extract from
the London Daily News
which I enclose. Give it
to Mr. Gay.

The appreciation of Mr. Shipley
was very hearty and must
be very satisfactory. It is too
bad that so stupid a reviewer re-
viewed your book in the Spectator.
But in his case the mill must
be taken for the deed.

My children are reveling with
me, in the delights of Botany
my father-in-law in your "How Plants
~~themselves~~ Behave". Some of the
Professor's families are doing the same.

Too many of our professional
men are ignorant - of the
very rudiments of those
sciences which form the ba-
sis of so much of the
present discussion.

Don't encourage the lecture
system to such an extent - that
a man may graduate from
college and enter the min-
istry with no knowledge of
geology or botany. Men
need to know a little of a
good many things before
they set to work to learn
a great deal about one
thing.

Mr. Cooks remarkable rhetor-
ical display in Boston, is
^{likely} ~~going~~ to raise up a host
of bigotry and self assu-
rance of which we shall

soon be made ashamed.
Osgood is to publish his
lectures on "Biology". The next
two or three ^{many of our people} years will ring with
meaningless charges on "bioplasm",
it not genes. It is too bad.

At the same time I am hav-
ing numerous applications
in person and by letter
from students in the Sem-
inary and in colleges, and
from others, regarding the
views presented in your
book. "It came out at a good time.

You see I have not yet
given Dr. David's up. ~~up~~
I enclose my last - & hope
if not too much trouble
will you read it some
time during the next week, and
return it with any suggestions
that may occur.



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