

Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, Jan'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1873

My Dear Dr Gray.

Since writing you to acknowledge the receipt of draft &c. I have traced up the loss of my previous letter, sent the day before & mes. It was included in a parcel entrusted to a private hand for mailing some of which have been heard from. I regret this not only on account of the anxiety it must have caused you, but because it contained some expressions (fresh at the time) of my gratitude to you for your friendly interest in my behalf during the year past, and my earnest desire to deserve it. For the time to come I must leave you to imagine how I expressed it at the time. My letter to Mr Backhouse, was fortunately not in that parcel.



I must now tell you as a  
 matter of news that I have been  
 offered & accepted the appointment  
 of Botanist & Heliozoologist to a  
 military expedition to the Yellowstone  
 region & Wind River Mts. to start  
 next June & take up 4 months.  
 This will give me some new ground  
 to go over which I shall hope to  
 improve botanically, - now in regard  
 to Mr. Beckhause. I should like to do  
 what I can for him before starting. I  
 can certainly secure Leucosium which  
 the greens says is abundant near Greeley,  
 perhaps also Lewisia, and some other  
 early plants. Then of course I can gather  
 seeds on the expedition & note localities for  
 future collection & perhaps learn the  
 exact time of day early enough to gather living  
 plants. Of course under the circumstances  
 I should not expect full price from Mr.  
 Beckhause, only what the collection & extra  
 labor would be actually worth to him.  
 Please let me know your views on this.  
 Yours truly  
 C. C. Parry

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DEAR SIR:

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