

Way of seeds. A Empire cage  
I also proposed to collect a  
large quantity of Leucocernum  
this spring to be sent on  
as soon as possible. before  
joining my expedition.

On my trip I suppose I shall  
not be able to do much but  
collect seeds. but towards the  
close I may do something more  
I may be able to pick up a  
few things in Kansas. which  
I will send mostly by mail  
Mr. Greene seems quite  
enthusiastic in his new field  
and will no doubt be active  
you had better continue to  
address me here to be forwarded  
as my P.O. location is uncertain  
I shall return here before starting  
on my long summer trip

Very truly yours

C. Parry

Davenport Iowa  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1873

My Dear Dr. Gray

Hardly a day has  
passed for a month or more  
that I have not had in my  
mind to write to you, but something  
has constantly come in to suggest  
a postponement. I cannot however  
delay longer as I am now expecting  
to start in a few days on my  
Kansas Trip. to be gone a month  
I shall go via St. Louis & so  
see Engelman.

The loss of Dear Torrey occupies  
my thoughts continually. I have  
a very touching letter from  
Miss Maggie giving a very full  
account of his last days.



The last letter I received from him was dated July 13<sup>th</sup>, less than a month before his death. written in that clear round hand that we know so well, and in such a hopeful tone that led me contrary to my judgment to think that his honored life might be spared yet longer to us.

Still the pleasant and very consoling circumstances connected with this sad event are so many & so appropriate that we cannot do otherwise than apply them to modify our grief and add this final lesson taught by his happy death, to the good example and teachings of his whole life. We shall all look for your ordinary notice with great interest.

I have a letter quite lately from Mr Backhouse mainly in reference to the proposed collections this season. On account of the heavy outlay last year without immediate return he is naturally inclined to curtail, and not knowing of my Expedition engagement proposes that I make certain specified collections for a given sum - £50. to £70. - Most of the things he specifies can be got. but I have written to him proposing to do what I can and not ask any advance till the collection is in his hands, and then for him to allow me what it is really worth to him in a business point of view. In case I can leave the Expedition in Sept I can do considerable in the



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