

I will of course send you a copy.

The death of M^r Hooker has indeed been
a terrible How. Poor Hooker came here
directly after the funeral & bore up
manfully. I know I would much sooner
die than suffer such a loss

My dear Gray

Yours affectionately

C. L. Darwin

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Dec 25. 74

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON. S.E.R.

My dear Gray

Many thanks for your
kind note of Dec 11. I received &
read with very great interest your
article on the longevity & ^{or} duration of
varieties. This is a subject on which
I have long felt interest; tho' I
never before, as far as I can
remember connected it with inter-
crossing. I think you have put

the case very well & clearly. I heard
lately from Mrs Treat about Utricularia;
but she does not go very deep into
any subject, & I have very great
difficulty in believing some of her state-
ments. I have got the whole of my
book in M.S., but I do not know
how long it will take me to get it
ready for the printers; I hope it
will be out late in the spring &



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