

25, WILTON PLACE.
S.W.

Feb 9 1880

My dear Gray

Your postcard just recd
has come in time though it ought
to have been too late I was to have
had the copies of vol III part 1 on
Saturday but they are not come in yet
and I get nothing by bothering the
printer & binder. The moment I
get the copies I will read off your
thesis - many thanks for your kind
reel

I have been very much cut up
by Gen Sharps death. Intimate as I
have been with him for above thirty
years I have ever since his return

from the West Indies spent my
summer vacation with him in
Somersetshire. This ^{last} summer there
certainly were signs that it might be
the last but as he improved in strength
in the autumn and passed over the
severe weather of December without
suffering from it I thought he might
fairly have a few years more of
tolerable comfort - at the last he
faded rapidly for two or three days
and slumbered away at last in perfect
peace and quiet an excellent man
in every respect most honorable in
all his ideas he was most particularly
friendly to me - and his great

monograph of *Graminea* remains
unfinished - His materials will come
to me but who can work them up.

I will write again in
reading off the *Genera*.

Ever yours sincerely
George Deutham



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