

of good luck. — I meant to
have sent you the President's
message (which I have not ~~made~~
read a word of), but you have no
doubt you have seen it long ago.
I am told it contains a labored and
scandalous attack upon the Republican
party. Things now are pretty
quiet, and hopeful.

I ~~truly~~ simply address you at
Santiago. — I hope soon to hear
from you again, and get a more partic-
ular address. As soon as I
hear from you I will write again,
and when you tell me more of
the prospect for Britain, I shall
perhaps have more to write about.
Meanwhile Adieu. May kind
Providence safely keep and prosper
you. Yours very cordially

Asa Gray

Cambridge, Jan'y. 10. 1857

My Dear Wright

As usual I have been
very negligent of my duty. I
ought to have written you long
ago — not that I have any-
thing special to say.

I got your letter from Boston
informing me of your kind over trip.
The same day it arrived I ran
in to Boston to find you. — late in
the afternoon. But the vessel
was already out in the stream
and I presume you got off
the next morning.

Well. I also duly got your
letter of Nov. 25th & 26th — duly —
the last news I have of you —
and was much pleased that
you made so comfortable and
speedy a voyage.

Now I am curious to know
how you are getting on, in the

new field. Well, I hope -

Harker tells me he has written to you, to ask you to send Bot. Museum objects, viz Jamaica, if you can. He says that the mountains, if I end of Cuba are terra incognita for botany so far as he knows. -

Pray stay long enough to gather the harvest fairly. I hear nothing of any thing about the ~~British~~ ^{Expedition} ~~Expedition~~ ^{Expedition} makes. Short writes that he is glad you are gone to Cuba, and speaks for a full set of the plants. -

Not a word more about the package of books in Express to hand at Washington. But a few days ago I wrote to Prof. Hany, and sent him a bill for the cost, with request to "settle". I am curious to know how it will turn out.

I have lately had a visit from Dr. Torrey, he came the day after Christmas, and staid a week.

Keeping me hard at work - Holton had been here only a week before, and absorbed some valuable time.

I am as much overwhelmed as ever. My Lessons on Botany (thanks to Sprengel's long delay over the cuts) not yet out. But I expect to get it off my hands in a week or so more. - and glad I shall be.

Mr. Carey (John Carey, now of London) has lost his young wife suddenly, and is going to sell his herbium, & break up house keeping: poor man.

We go on here as usual, Mrs. Gray has been rather poorly with a succession of colds and face-aches, & tooth-ache, - making her thinner than ever. She sends her best regards to you, and wishes you the best.



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