

Cambridge Nov 23^d /68

Dear Dr

^{now} I am distributing, and packing up in a hurry to get off before Thanksgiving. Fingers sore with twine tying up bundles. I made 19 sets beside yours, New, & Sawville. The sets run thus 2250 (call it) 2200, 2025, 1715, 1550, 1460, 1330, 1275, 1165, 960, 780, 750, 660, 620. ^{Worcester} New 560 or (call it) 500. for I put in some old numbers when specimens were abundant and particularly nice. The parcel will go to Boston in a day or two.

After mentioning Brit. Mus. Anderson, Reichenbach, St. Petersburg as wanting the avoirdres for which I have made no provision you write "As to residual collections I would save some few and send the rest to Reichenbach &c". Now I want to sell some here if possible & I believe it is. Mr Scudder talks encouragingly. Eaton promises to use his influence & I think I shall write to Baird asking him to try & find me ^(they done it) parochae. I was depending on Mann after I went to Cuba now I must look to my business myself. And under this change of circumstances I see not how I can return there at least right away. In my life I never realised so vividly the perplexity of the ass between the two piles of grass. I want to go to Cuba & I want to stay here. Ambition says go; prudence says stay. If I go I shall spend from the start; If I stay I

I may earn something or not my own or spend
less. I shall at any rate. Oh if Mann had gone
at my suggestion it might have saved him.
& released me.

230 Oliver's queries are at hand and already
answered. I did not before suspect that it was
brought from Africa's baba but now that the
question is raised there are circumstances
attending its occurrence that favor the belief
of its foreign origin.

Tomorrow I shall clean up the Herbarium
(except poor Mann's room which is in dire
disorder besides buried in dust - but I dare not
touch any thing) and on Wednesday home - just
in time for Thanksgiving.



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