

a visit from me & your
self I am very truly
your friend & am
Joseph Henry

Dr. Gray

P.S. I am sending of the postages
about the middle of the next month
Prof. Baird will make enquiry
at the express office for the purchase
of books.

We have sent you the drawing
of the bird tracks. I think the
expression of the illustrations can be
much diminished by putting a number
of figures on each plate. We have
received a number of letters urging
the publication. I have authorized
the author to have photographs of all
the impressions made provided the
expense does not exceed 200 dollars.

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Nov 13th 1856

My Dear Dr

Your package of the 7th has
been received and all the
points mentioned in the accom-
panying letter will be attended to.

We have just published
purchased a number of copies
of the current volume and shall
therefore be able to supply that
valuable and scarce work
to several of our correspondents.

Dr. Engelman is now in the
city. He leaves this afternoon.
I have endeavored to make
his visit to this place as pleasant
as possible to himself and his wife
and accordingly invited a number
of persons to meet them at my home.

I am to visit New York on the
18th and shall endeavor to
induce Mr. Eliza Torrey to return
to Washington with me. I wish
her to take charge of completing
a one line catalogue for the library
of the Institution which she
commenced last summer.

Our library is increasing very
rapidly in books of the very first
quality by means of our exchange;
but its value will be small
if the study of the works is confined
to this city. exclusive of those
used by persons connected with the
Institution not more than one
person in the course of a month
visits it for the purpose of research.

It is however important to have
such a collection in the country.

We are placing our exchanges
on a better footing and now that

the building is finished and
ready for use shall trust be
able to bring up all parts of
our operations to a good con-
dition. The meteorology has given
us the greatest disquietude
but we have now commenced
the printing of our results and
^{we shall} I trust convince the observers
that we have not been idle.

We shall call on you to
go on with the memoir on
Forest Trees and endeavor
to finish all we have at present
on hand.

Mrs. H. and the girls are
in good condition and would
be delighted to receive a



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