

Professor Baird is still at each
Port or at some other point on
the coast, busily occupied with
his fish researches.

All the affairs of the Institute
are still in a favorable condition,
Congress at the last session appro-
priated 15, ~~000~~ thousand dollars
for the care of the Museum, and
the same sum for the improvement
of the building.

I am informed by Mr. Rhess, who
saw you at the West, that Professor
Lyndall is to be your guest while
he remains in Boston. I intended
to go on to New-York to meet him on
his arrival, but was prevented by
my engagement with Sir Frederic
Archer. I am on however Mr. Rhess
to assist in the arrangements of his lectures.

Give the love of Mrs. Henry and Helen to
Mrs. Gray, they join me in the belief that we shall see
her and yourself soon. Truly yours, Jas. Henry

Smithsonian Institution
Oct. 10th 1872

My dear Dr. Gray.

I enclose a letter from a gentleman
of this city who has devoted a considerable
sum of money to found an annual
prize for an original essay on some medi-
cal subject. If you know the whereabouts
of the person address on the letter please
send it to him; you will find enclosed
the necessary stamps.

I regret that I could not visit you
before I came from the North. I was
prevented doing so by an arrangement
made with Sir Frederic Archer to meet
him on the coast of Maine, and to ac-
company him along our coast to examine
our light-house system. After showing
him some of our light houses, and Fog signals
on the coast of Maine I took him through
the sound, in one of our light-house steamers,

to New-York, and afterwards sent him
in the same vessel, to Albany. From
the last named place he went through
Lake Champlain to Canada, thence
up the lakes to Niagara & Detroit;
after this he went to Chicago and
thence came to Washington by the
way of Pittsburgh. He left Washington
yesterday for New-York to sail in
the Russia on the 15th. He returns
to England I think well satisfied
with the attention he has received,
and the information he has obtained.

I found him an exceedingly agreeable
gentleman excellently well informed
on Light-House matters and well quali-
fied to properly appreciate our improve-
ments.

I have read your address before
the American Association. It is an
admirable production rich in interesting

facts and satisfactory in an inquiry
theory. It must form an important
point in the general history of ba-
tany. You must have greatly in-
joyed your visit to the western
coast. What an idea the journey
gives of the extent of the country and
of the magnitude of the work of constru-
ction of the Rail-Road! It is one
of the wonders of the world. In riding
on the lookouts over the sierra
nevada. I felt like "assuming
the God affecting to nod and
seemingly to shake the spheres" The
power of man over the obstacles
of nature are here strikingly exhibi-
ted.

My family have not all returned
to Washington. Mrs. Henry and Helen
came home yesterday - Mary and Caroline
are in New-York but expected tomorrow



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