

New York, November 24th 1851

My dear friend.

Your note reached me on Saturday
but too late to answer it that day -
So day I have been so bored with calls
& laboratory matters, that I could not write
in time for the mail.

It is my purpose to leave here on Wed-
nesday afternoon, by the Fall River boat
with Jane & Eliza. Mrs. Torrey would
be very much pleased to go, but cannot
just now bear the fatigue of travelling.
She is decidedly better than when we
left Princeton, & I think it best for her
to recruit still more ere she tries her
strength. Mudge improves slowly, but

fear it would be a temptation to
use her eyes too much were she
to make you a visit. She fully ap-
preciates your & Jane's kindness in
giving her so cordial an invitation

I think you will have enough of us
if Jane & Eliza accompany me

You say that you would expect us on
Wednesday - Did you not mean Thursday
morning? For I thought I had stated my
intention of starting on Wednesday afternoon
(after an early lecture)
and in that case, I could not reach Boston
even by rail road until near midnight
& then it would be too late to cross over
to Cambridge until the next morning.

So we will like it very, be with you (D.V.)
by the first conveyance after the cats arrive
from Fall River

Yours faithfully
John Torrey

Monday Noon.

We have delightful weather here. I pity you in that Spitzbergen climate. Already it seems your streets are covered with snow! The parcel of Beckwith's plants is in Adams' hands!

For an hour, after leaving the Agency Office. The course now lasts five months - & the proceeds, after deducting expenses, will, this year, not be \$1000. If I leave the College I can live some miles out of town - which I cannot do now, as it would be unpleasant (& in many directions, impossible) to travel at night - especially in the winter.

Capt. Pope is going out next January to the Llano Estacado, with a party, to explore for water by digging in the sand. It is, I suppose, hardly worth while to ask him to collect plants. - He says that if we wish to defer our report till the end of February it will be in time - but we shall not need so much grace -

Parry has been appointed Prof. of History in a new college in Iowa. He sends me Sullivan's from that State! No news yet from Schott, or from Emory's party.



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