

Olympia Wash^{ter} Ter.
Nov. 18th 1883.

My dear Doctor Gray

May I claim a place
among the friends who will crowd
around you to-day for congratulation?

There are many of us who have
never seen your face who must never-
theless feel well acquainted with you
because of the freedom with which you
have permitted them to approach you
for personal assistance by letter in
their otherwise unaided studies.

I hope you will permit me
to say that your kindly service to
me since the time, and at the time
when you helped me to come into
the brotherhood of botanists with a
new genus in my hand has wrought
in me an affection which claims a
place among your friends more favored
in that only that they have had more
frequent and more familiar intercourse



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