

Nov. 23^d

Dear Emily West

My dear Gray

I have been rather slack in replying to your letter of Oct. 27th & for a
 instructions to thank you most sincerely for a
 number of stamps with which your envelope of Oct. 27th
 was furnished [the enclosure was duly posted] & for a
 precious Canada stamp previously sent. - He believes he
 is by far the richest boy in the whole school in
 his American stamps, & expects to get wonderful
 treasures by trading with some sent by you in
 duplicate. The Reseda seeds came all safe, &
 are as great a treasure to me as the stamps to
 Leonard, & stranger I cannot put it. I see you
 say you have sent 2^d notice in Orchid Book to
 J. L. Linné; I have not received to first, which I
 think must be out, & which I R. by much
 like to possess. By the way in the last Edinburgh R.
 there is an article of Duke of Argyll on "Superstitions"
 in which Orchids are brought in: it is clever; but I
 do not see that it really removes any, I'll believe of



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