

loft. I almost equally felt her funeral
She was buried in Kensal Green - in
the lowest "London Clay"

Such a spirit should have found its
resting place in a worthier formation

With love, Dances, and my - best remembrances
to Mrs. Gray

I am

Ever very truly

Daniel

D. A. Gray.

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R. S. O. GLOS.

Nov 22. 1886

Dear Dr. Gray.

Your paper on the N. American Flora
reached me yesterday - last night I read it through
with the greatest interest, and tomorrow it goes
to be bound in that small pamphlet form
which is dear to all who interest themselves in
their books.

I have learnt something and I hope to learn
more - yet - from it

I enclose a Photo. of my *Castanea chrysophylla*
of which I am - I hope not unduly - proud
I also enclose the narrative of an adventure
which befell me two years since

I also send by Book post a copy of a translation
the result of Scandinavian voyages.

This last summer. I voyaged in my yacht

(a new one) to the Baltic, and was much surprised to find that in this island of Gothland The mulberry and walnut were bearing fruit, as well as they do in England. Still the Baltic freezes in winter between Gothland and the Swedish Coast. In the town of Witz (Gothland) I was shown a "Salix herbacea adiantifolia" as a great rarity. It just managed to live Round Stockholm I was equally surprised to see fields of tobacco growing vigorously. You will of course see but little in all this - to me it came with all the force of novelty, warning me that Latitude is not the only factor in vegetation. We have had a warm summer and a singularly dry summer and certainly

up to this date but little rain has fallen in the S. half of England and our deeper springs are daily failing.

Our farmers are in much difficulty. American wheat has crushed them, and we hardly know where to look. Cattle of all sorts have fallen in value - and Trade is to a considerable extent depopulated.

Nothing however will make us Protectionists. I am not one of those who are very anxious to see you Free traders. believing that when you are you will drive us out of all the markets of the world.

We are just passing through a Constitutional crisis - but a struggle between the Lords and Commons which promises all sorts of disaster is about to be obviated by the commonplace device of compromise - and we shall rub on for a time yet.

Poor old Mrs Duncan Stewart - whom you will have since remembered as a guest with me here. died last winter - I attended her funeral and much as I regretted her



Ducie, Lord. 1884. "Ducie, Lord Nov. 22, 1884." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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