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West. Chester, Pa June 1. 1850.

My dear Friend, I propose to
send a brief & hasty note, in
an envelope to Miss Ditchfield,
to express my agreeable surprise,
& profound gratitude for the
Book of Messes which I found
in the Parcel you tied up
for me. I had no idea it
was there, until I untied
the parcel; & as I had no
claim to such a generous
gift, I felt both surprise &
gratitude. I wish I may be
able some day to reciprocate.
I found, on my return home,
last evening, a letter from Miss
Collinson, announcing the
receipt of a copy of the Boston
Memorials, which I had sent
to her mother in March, last.

Miss C. informs me that all the
males of the family are dead;
& therefore the name must
soon become extinct. She had
three Brothers, all in the Army;
but they are all gone - one
died of yellow fever in Jamaica,
& the other two were killed
in battle - one in India, and
the other in China. Of eleven
children, she, & two Sisters, are
all that survive.

I hope & trust Mr G. & you
may be able to visit the dear
unfortunate Lady, while you
are in England.

With my affectionate respects
& best wishes to Mrs Gray - to whom
I shall certainly write, if I live -
I am, in much haste,
most sincerely yours

Dr. A. Gray, } Wm Darlington
Cambridge.



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