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Dear Prof. Gray.

All your friends before now have sent you words of welcome ~~now~~. I have to believe that the last one coming now to give you the hand of welcome is the most sincere of all. I hope that your European Journey has done you the greatest good and afforded you pleasure and advantage and that it did the same for kind and most amiable Mr. Gray.

I got lately a good letter from Mr. Boissier. He says among other things that he has deeply regretted to miss you now at Geneva, he being then in Italy for his health and in great danger of losing his life. He sends me his photograph and says that probably Mr. M. & Candolle has given you one of his ^{cards} for me. If it is so please to send it and do not wait till you have time to write for after your long absence, you have probably more to do than ever.

My health has been very poor the whole of past year and I have still had hard trials in other ways. But

my eyesight which was nearly lost is
improving and all will be well to
the end.

Pleas to offer my most respectfull
regards to Mrs Gray. Your friend
very truly A. Desquereux

What is Fargalve wrens ^{for} a name
of this kind, which I find attached to
a fragment of leaves given to me by
a gardner. If you do not know it,
please do not lose time in looking for
it. That fragment is palm like, a
triangular leaf with a long beaklike point
The plant is cultivated in European gardens.



Lesquereux, Léo. 1870. "Lesquereux, Léo Feb. 6, 1870." *Leo Lesquereux letters to Asa Gray*

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