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My dear Professor Gray

I am commissioned by our friend Mr. Saccardo to remind you of his desire to exchange his "Giornale botanico," with all scientific periodicals, acts of academies &c. that are published in the States - he means all those that may contain articles of botanical interest. You were so kind as to make him hope you would be the means of putting him in correspondence with the editors of such periodicals, and he wishes to know whether the thing can be done. Three numbers of the Giornale have already appeared, and the fourth is to come out shortly.

I seize this opportunity to enquire after yr doings. I suppose this letter will find you returned to

America, so I send it there. Mrs. Gray
I hope is in a satisfactory state
of health. I beg you to present
her my best respects.

Since I had the pleasure of yr
visit in Florence we have experienced
much affliction at home. Two of
my boys - those you saw - have been
ill, one of them dangerously so; and
a third, a darling child, our last-born
has been taken away from us. Its
mother fell ill from grief of its loss,
and is only now recovering. ~~at present~~
My usual labours have been of
course much disturbed, but now
I have returned to them, with increased
intensity of will to find in them
the means of diverting my thoughts
from sad recollections.

I had great hopes of getting the
professorship at Turin, since I had
learned that De Notaris had refused it,
and I had no other competitor but
the assistant to the late professor
Moris, a certain Mr. Delprante, in fact

I had been led to consider my nomination
as certain. But my competitor
was strongly supported by the
University at Turin; and as the Ministry
not daring to name me in opposition
to the vote of the University, he
decided on having a trial by competitive
examination - a thing so utterly
abhorrent to my feelings, that I feel
very much inclined to refuse the trial,
though it seems my last chance
of getting a situation in this country.

You will be sorry to hear
that the establishment at Gen Donato
(Semidaff's villa) is being broken
up. I have been told that the plants
are on sale, and the gardeners to be
dismissed. My own botanical garden
has been made over to the Municipality
here, and I have left the direction
of it.

Believe me always with the
sincerest regard

Yours sincerely
T. Carmel



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