

Spencer Wood - December.  
Sept. 22?

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My dear S. Gray -

I send this by Mr. Willson  
who I think you & Mr. Gray will like -  
She was a Clunie Macpherson which you  
know implies her to be a country woman  
of mine - & she has such family sorrows,  
particularly in the loss of all her children  
that I know my kind friends at Boston  
will sympathize with her & do what they  
can to cheer her residence there - I do not  
know if you have *Calopogon pulchellus* in  
your neighborhood if not, you will like the  
bulbs I send - I see it must be planted &  
grow entirely in wet sphagnum, with only  
a little earth at the bottom of the pot - Have  
I not been a good correspondent? I hope  
tomorrow may bring me a letter from



You I have only had one, since you  
left me at Alton Bay & I have written  
you on five times. - The rail road cannot  
take me after all so I go tomorrow E'd  
by boat - to Montreal - then to pay a visit  
15 miles from thence among the French  
Canadians - then to see Papineau at  
Petite Nation - (who I hear is fond of  
flowers & no rebel now) then to Bytown  
to see another Scotch acquaintance, from  
Bytown by Coburg - & London to Lake Huron,  
Back by Buffalo & Niagara & Lake George  
to Albany - then to Lenox if I am not  
too late for Mr Edwards & Miss S. &  
afterwards by Worcester to New York but  
I cannot I think get to the Connecticut  
before the middle of October Tell Mr. Gore  
this if you can hear of him at Boston  
Say that a communication written the

beginning of October will catch me at  
Govt. Seymour's Albany between the 7<sup>th</sup>  
& 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. I cannot say exactly how  
long my Niagara tour may require but I  
imagine not less than 3 weeks from this  
time - it was the 1<sup>st</sup> week in Oct. Mr.  
Gore proposed for my visit to his sister  
at Lenox, I shall like to hear if  
the middle or end of that month will  
do - & I think through Mr. C. Gore  
you will be able to ascertain for  
me - I want nothing but more time!  
This I am writing now soon after sun set.  
& we have been late here with balls &  
all sorts of gaieties - tonight Lord Elgin  
gives a farewell entertainment to meet  
the 71<sup>st</sup> Highlanders, their regiment  
embarks in the Cleopatra tomorrow to  
go down the river, while I ascend it -  
Love to Mr. Gray yours sincerely  
Amelia McKim



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