

Wilmington Aug 29th 1885

My Dear Dr. Gray,

Your kind
note of 24th inst. came duly but
several pressing affairs have
deferred all correspondence until
today.

I did not fail to notice
what you say about the pubes-
cence of the species of *Douglasia*
mentioned. While I am now
willing to think that *D. rivularis*
and *D. montana* may be kept apart,
there is yet great variation in the
latter and ~~no~~ end of branched or
stellate pubescence on the pedicels
and calyx in ~~most~~ ^{most} cases and indeed
rarely a branched hair can be detected
on the leaves. But mostly the leaves
are smooth except the ciliate margins.

Mrs. Cauby sends her kindest
regards to you and Mrs. Gray and
thanks for your inquiries about
her health, which I am glad to
say has improved. She is staying
much at home now on account
of recent bereavements. We are
expecting the children of some
old and dear friends to visit
us next month. I shall want
to show them town and country,
but must, if I can, break away
to meet Sargent at Norfolk, on
his return from the proposed trip
to the N.C. mountains, and pilot
him up the Va., Md. & Delaware
peninsula. It looks as if this
might be towards the last of
the month. As yet I have only his
note proposing to leave for the Nat-
ional Bridge, Roanoke & southward
on the 10th Sept. I wish I could take

in the whole affair as he asks me
to. But it seems strange to take
that journey now without you
and Mrs. Gray! and I do not
see how I can spare the time
for any except a very short jour-
ney this year. As we shall proba-
bly be pretty steady members of
the "home guard" this season.

Ever sincerely Yours,

Wm. H. Cauby



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