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as my husband is
always scolding me for
having no pins about,
& now I shall file my
pin cushion & keep it on
the table as a pleasant
memorial of you -

Charles joins me in kinder
remembrances to Professor
Gray & believe me
yours very sincerely

Emma Darwin
My sons wish to join in
kind regards to you & Dr Gray.

Down.
Bramley
Kent. S.E. Beckenham

Oct. 28

My dear Mrs Gray

Our sons arrived
at home, after a good
voyage, last Thursday; &
you may imagine what
a great deal of talk we
have had about America
& all the enjoyment they
have had, & above all
what I think was the

cream of the whole, their
visit at Cambridge &
the extreme kindness they
met with from you & Dr
Gray & all their friends.
The whole will be a thing
to remember all their lives.
Mr Darwin has unluckily
been very unwell to receive
them, which has spoilt our
enjoyment, but we have
a great meeting of the

whole family, including
our married daughter
who is just returned from
Switzerland.

How dreadful the fire
at Chicago was & yet these
country fires in the forests
are much more appalling
hopeless to escape from -

My sister joins me in
thanking you for the
pretty & curious pincushion.
Mine is particularly a pretty

[with Emma Darwin Oct 28 71]

P.S. Mr Darwin

desires me to thank
Dr Gray for his kind
note, & for your most
hospitable invitation
^{my sons}
to ~~them~~ do come to
your house, at a
time too when Dr
Gray was so overwhelmed
with business -

I cannot help being
glad that owing to
not understanding at
first the extent of
your hospitality you
were spared the
additional bustle
of having them in
your house -



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