

Thanking you for your kind
interest. I remain,

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

7. July, 1888.

Dear Dr. Gray,

I was about to write
you, when your kind note of yester-
day was handed me. I had in mind
to write you all the while I was in
Mexico; but I was not informed of
your return to Cambridge till shortly
before I left there.

I arrived in the city of Chihuahua,
and established my base there, the day
before you passed there (as I learned
from a railroad conductor.) I had
not been at work there a month
when, as I was negotiating for a
mule-train and escort for a journey

of 500 miles through the Sierra
Madre, where the fever, which I
contracted in Arizona last year
returned. Judging it imprudent
to get far from medical aid, I con-
tinued to work near the line of
the railroad, which I followed north
as far as Aguas Calientes. Each
attack of my fever weakened me
more and more; and, when the
country became parched with the
usual June drought, and small
pox was everywhere prevalent, I
thought I would come home for
rest, for treatment for my fever,
and for safe revaccination.

I am led to hope I shall
get thoroughly rid of my fever
and recover from its effects in
a few weeks, so I may return to

my field with full strength and
courage. It is not, I believe, an un-
healthy region, and I mean not to carry
there again the seeds of fever.

But I found it the hardest
region to work ever visited by me. No
winter and spring rains of any account,
and few plants in growth except
within restricted limits widely separated.

I secured 175 species for my
50 sets, and perhaps an equal
number of species represented by only
a few specimens.

I left abruptly upon hearing
of the death in the city of one of my
best friends there (a young missionary) from
small pox (my room was at the rail-
road station) ~~that~~. I did not take out
specimens to send to you. I trust my
collection will arrive before I leave, so
I may attend to this.



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