

In answer to your letter

Dec 22^d 1864.

My Dear Dr.

We shall be very
glad to see Mrs Gray and
yourself at the time mentioned
in your note of the 12th inst^t
and to receive from you the
lectures suggested.

The time of the meeting
of the National Academy is
drawing nigh, but from present
appearances the number in atten-
dance will be small. The
pressure of the times is so
hard on salary men that
they can ill afford the ex-
pense of a journey to Washington.
Mrs Henry and Caroline
have for nearly two weeks

2. Just been almost constantly
from home in attendance on
a fair for the benefit of the
orphan asylum of this city.
Helen has not been able to
take an active part in the
management of the fair, but
has been a liberal contribu-
tor with her needle and
drawing pencil.

Mary is still in Phil^a
improving herself in the art
of sculpture: we hope to see
her at home on Tuesday next.

Tell Mrs Gray that we
are the owner of an old white
house which Mrs. Henry con-
sidered a model animal, not
much on account of his
physical as his moral qualities.
He is esteemed in accordance

with the true honest maxim
"handsome is that handsome"
With this animal and an
old, but safe carriage, Mrs. Gray
can visit Uncle Abraham ^{and} Abby
and all the other lions of this
city. We expect some other friend
on the ^{occasion} of the inauguration
and will forward to a good
time.

We are having a lot of
cold weather. The thermometer
has been falling all day and
is now down to 25° which
with a high wind from
the N.W. gives blue noses in
this latitude. The minimum
of temperature will reach you
in Cambridge probably some
hours later.

Prof. A. Gray.

I am as ever
truly your friend
Joseph Hunt

does not appear possible
that we can much longer
stand the expenditure of upwards
of two millions of dollars daily. If
we could bring the war to
a close within the next six
months we might then be
able to weather the storm but
if the strife continues longer than
this the result as to our finances
will I fear be very disastrous

I am very glad to learn that
there is a prospect of a desirable
disposition of your collection of
plants. The present is a favorable
time for raising money but you
must have a care as to the

manner in which it is invested.

Please inform Mrs Gray that
Caroline will give her a long
letter in the course of a day or
two. Since our return from
the north the young lady
has been so much occupied
with various engagements
that she has but 1/2 of a day
day to day her letter to Mrs Gray
and on this account I must
have had many twinges of conscience.

I have much to say
which I cannot write and
which I shall reserve for
your ear when you come
on.

With kind regards to Mrs Gray I
remain as ever truly yours

Your friend

Joseph Hursey

Dr A. Gray

Cambridge

Mass.



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