

place of the kind can be lived. The school  
is at a Country house or "Hall" (you know  
what that means in England) not far from  
Bristol, in lovely scenery. The girls are  
taken at stated times to see all the  
places round - Chipstow - Rayham Castle  
&c. &c. This Beeley much enjoys. The school-  
mistress too is an old friend of one of  
B's aunts - so it feels pleasant to us  
than if she was quite among strangers.  
Her vacation will now be in 3 weeks.  
The house is very lonely without her - but  
Isabella Fennell has remained with  
us for the last year, & this serves to keep  
the place alive.

You spoke some time ago (at the time of the  
fair) of selling Janey's rich work - and I mean-  
some to send you "on consignment" a parcel  
as a specimen of different kind that I want  
to find a sale for. The puzzle is how best  
to send them to you? - Has Mr. Jackson or any  
other of your mercantile connections an Agent  
in Liverpool to whom I could send a small  
parcel to be forwarded by some cheaper  
route than Steamer? If we had such a  
means it would greatly help. Or, if I sent  
it to New York to Adell or John Toothman -  
could it be sent on cheaply? The sale is partly  
for the benefit of the "lowly poor" - & partly for  
that of a dear friend of mine who is now forced  
by circumstances to endeavour to earn an honest  
penny in this way. She has gone through "deprivations"  
of sorrow from woman, for many years - & now a fresh  
plunge has come to her. More anon - Yours affly W.H.H.

Trm. Coll Dublin

26 May 1858

My dear Mr. Gray (Cuscuta !!)?

It is on my conscience that  
I owe you a letter, or perhaps  
more than one - but I do not know  
the exact state of our accounts - ex-  
cept that this - I must be always  
in your debt, because your letters  
are worth reading & mine are not. There  
that is charming flattery - is it not? - not  
quite broad enough perhaps - but too  
as broad as the knob of my pen admits  
of at present! I write now, because  
I have to enclose a list of L.W.'s Cape  
plants for D. Gray. I hope he received  
duly the former list. The present  
concludes the Fl. plants - with the ex-  
ception of 3 or 4 Orders of Thalamifl. laid  
aside for the present, because my named  
specimens are at present with Sonder  
in Hamburg. There are also a few  
Dubia to add. But on the whole  
most of the plants are named, accord-  
ing to my light. The Algae are not yet  
touched & I fear cannot be looked at  
before vacation - for I have much to  
sweep up before then. A little time  
to do it in. At present I am busy



Lithographing for Phyc. Austr. but expect  
to finish the batch next week - & then  
I must tackle to at Pelargonium for  
Cape Flora - an awful puzzle! I long to  
cut down, but fear to offend propriety  
by cutting off old Levin can sheets - as  
I sometimes would like to do. It will probably  
end in my leaving some rubbish & removing  
some, & perhaps adding some. But I shall  
add as little as possible. Last week  
I had 13 lectures to deliver - this week  
only 2 - & next shall have 8 - which  
will be the number mostly to end of  
term. My class is larger than last year,  
but I fear not learning much more.  
I recommend "Gray's Textbook" to all, &  
some have it, & say it is the best book of  
the kind they have seen. It certainly is much  
better than Balfour or Huxley (but Gray  
will think this faint praise) - I use it  
myself for grammar occasionally. - But  
I must not forget I am writing too badly  
& fill my sheet with botany. - Before leaving  
subject however, I may say, that a letter from  
Sis Wm today gives a very poor account  
of B. Brown - sinking gradually - losing  
appetite & spirits & quite aware of his  
approaching change. But how he looks  
at death I know not. Formerly he would  
not think of the subject, & dreaded any

approach - but one often sees a change  
come over the mind when the messenger  
really comes. He keeps silence on such  
matters generally. -

I have scarcely heard directly from  
Blassy since I was there to perform  
the last sad office of affection. They are  
bearing their loss with quiet submission,  
& I suppose things go on much as usual,  
as far as the course of daily life. But  
there is a sad, sad blank in the mother's  
heart - such as time can never fill. We  
shall all miss the dear girl much, but  
how much will not those to whom she  
daily ministered comfort. Rebecca has  
busied herself in copying out a number  
of little MSS. books she left - & we  
intend to have a few copies printed  
for her own peculiar friends.  
They are chiefly thoughts in seasons  
of affliction - & extend over several  
years. But there are no dates, & we  
only guess the time by allusions to  
known events.

Becky Tod. is at school in England.  
The first letters from her were wonderful  
in the extreme - for she had been  
too much indulged at home to find  
school ways all at once easy.  
But now she seems accustomed  
to like the place as well as a



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