

to find how much damage the
communist had done. The Tuileries
and the Hotel de Ville besides several
less important palaces are incomplete
ruins. I will not bore you with what
I saw in Paris except to say that
I made an excursion to the sewers
of Paris, starting at the tower of St.
Jacques and going to the Boulevard
Malesherbes a little beyond the
Madeleine, a most interesting and
curious excursion.

There are a great many second
hand books for sale in the streets of
Paris and I looked over several thousand
in search of botanical works, but
did not find any. Persons in search
of historical works or books on art
might now make very good bargains

first sketch.

Dear Sir;

A week
a package from Paris
probably received by
package may need some
bought what is called
album in Upsala, intended
to you, but had no chance
so in ~~Nor~~ Sweden and
Berlin I wrote you and
closed it in the hurry
get a chance to send it
Paris, I managed to send
minus the covers belonging
the French Post Office.
You may wonder
he in Paris. From Bonn
Cologne where I stopped
then went up the Rhine
stopping an afternoon

was delighted with the Rhine from Bonn to Bingen. The weather was pleasant and the boats not too crowded. From Mainz I went to Wiesbaden and in half an hour was disgusted with the place and came away and took the train to Heidelberg, where I stayed three days. Heidelberg is perfectly beautiful and I only wished I was going to stay and study there. The vacation was not ended so I saw nothing of the students.

From Heidelberg I went to Strassburg but did not find Prof. De Bary at home, at first. He was visiting in Freiburg but returned after three days, when I called upon him. His appearance is not striking. He is small and homely and looks too young to have written as much as he has. He took me to the laboratory where

there was a student who he introduced me and me to find a room. at last, but could not of them till Oct. 1st. I had to spend the interval in the Hotel de Paris poor and expensive, Paris. at that time, I had fine days during which cold and rainy and sick with a cold.

In Paris, I found that pleased me more the city itself. In Paris cold and we had my cold was so he obliged to keep in the but, in spite of the managed to see the of Paris in a week

the most disagreeable places I have
ever been in. The weather has been
horrible. I have been here, in all, ten
days and not a single, ^{one} at all
pleasant and the weather cold
and raw. I cannot keep warm. As
for society, there is absolutely none.
The university instead of having
1500 students has only 250 and no
English or Americans. The monotony of
looking at ~~the~~ of Chara from morning
till night is relieved by the perusal
with a dictionary, of ~~such~~ Chara all
the evening. Prof. De Bary thinks
Strasbourg will be a very good place
to learn German but I do not agree
with him. The people don't speak
German and there is no society
here except military men with whom
I am not likely to become acquainted.
I am almost sorry that I didn't go to
some northern city and study the language
and let botany alone for some months. You
will be surprised to hear that I have come to the

Now that I have
realize how many of the buildings are
which quite surpass
I must confess that
the most beautiful
although it is small
I went twice to
and to the Jardin d
was much disappo
They are not equal
or St. Petersburg. I c
Prof. Decaisne and
letter. He, as well
the botanists I have
some hour or other,
that you have give
nection with Harv
have retired to pr
answer to my inq
means for study
botany in Paris, ^{he} said

the best place to study as they have it
systematic, I should like your advice about
what I should study. Wm. H. Harkness, Harvard
Museum of Natural History, Cambridge, Mass.
I have a mortal dread of anything



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