

the place, I don't believe there are more than two Germans, De Bary and Sachs who are at all fit for the place. Of course, Sachs's peculiar specialty unfits him for being your successor as long as there is also a physiological professor, to a certain extent in Stoen. De Bary is a man of great ability and very thorough. In feeling he is, or would soon make, a very good American. He has a brother in New York who likes America. He is himself easily suited and would rather like to go to America to look up the fungi. His English is very fair ~~and~~ thought, I must say that I am not now a very good judge of English, as it is some time since I have it heard well spoken. I think that there is a possibility of his accepting under certain conditions. As far as he is concerned, I think he would come. He don't like Strasburg socially. The wishes of his wife and

Dear Sir;

On Saturday
your letter of Jan. 10th.
sitting down to answer
evening when I received
to tea at Prof. De Bary's
was then five minutes
have a chance to do any
and run. I am very
you and Mrs. Gray and
hoped that, with the
of the herbarium, you
hable to attacks of cold.
However, I suppose, if
Mrs. Gray is sick, sick
likes company.

I was glad to get
about my studies. I
I shall have finished
and shall then go on
my regular study has
but I have have made

excursions into other branches. I
learn a great deal, also, from the studies
of the other students who always show
to me what they have interesting. Stahl
is at work making a lieher out of
a fungus and an alga. I have now
saved about 70 microscopic preparations,
which will be of very great service
to me, as I know exactly what points
each specimen illustrates. We are taught
to make very thin sections, no matter
how small or ragged they look.
I think I could stay with De Bary
another term to study Fungi and
Conjugatae and lower algae. Studying
itself, however, is utterly unenclurable
and I find it fearfully hard to learn
the language here. I had some
thoughts of going to Bonn to spend
the summer semester and study
botany only forenoons and the language
afternoons and evenings. I must
learn the language at once. If I
was in a private family and could

give my whole time to
get it. As it is, my head
spent entirely on botany.
However, changes may
decline going to Tübingen
small town in South
I have learnt the language.
I hope to study in Munich.
Your statement of what
I can hardly come within
bounds of your new
I think I could stand it
in course of time, though
you come to add the
to despair. I should like
to study in Geneva.
like a letter of introduction
if you feel inclined to
The proposition
Cambridge have of course
interested me personally
that you have advised
to try De Bary. Provided
a good plan to have.

accepts what is to become of me?
Is there any place in California?
I see that Gilman of New Haven
has gone out there for some new
school or college. I should like California
very well I think. I am, of course, attached
to Cambridge as my own University
but you know that I am not of the number
who believe that all colleges but Harvard
are barbarous. What I am most afraid of
is that Mr. Eliot, having an eye to present
notoriety rather than actual scientific
advancement of botany in Cambridge,
will gain a call to some rather loud
spoken second rate botanist in Europe
and then represent it as a great acquisition.
It is a fact that European, particularly
German, professors rather turn up their
noses at American colleges and only those
in inferior positions would think of
going to America. There are enough
German second fiddles already in
Cambridge. With De Bary the case is
different, he is smarter and more liberal
than the majority. With this I send De Bary

family might possibly
to carry the scale the
own family consists of three
girl, all small.

As to the condition
will want more money
gets here and, at least
time for private study.
here, in which number
Rector, must certainly
get between three and
thoters a year. I suppose
of a Cambridge Prof. to
I believe is the case, it
is less, it must be con
the German Professor ge
the "big lugs" are new
for Germany. Second
time now at his disposal
is supposed to be very
for time but, even in
from five to seven ho
he can almost un
devote to his anatomy

W. G. Harlowe
the latter part of my stay here.
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