

letter for you some little
time ago, & he did not
answer it, having nothing
definite to say, simply
for not liking to
trouble you. —

I hope when you come back from
the continent that you &
Mrs Gray may find time to
keep us a little visit. —

Once again thanking you for
your kindness, extended to me
now for my many thanks
I remain, ever your sincerely
Chas Darwin

Jan. 29th 1881

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON, S.E.R.

My dear Gray

It was extremely kind of you to send
me your review in the Standard
& that in ^{the} Nation. — They have
pleased me greatly; for there is
hardly any one in the world
whose approbation I value
more highly than I do yours.

That was a stupid blunder
about Apicom; but you cannot
put yourself in my frame of
mind: "Celery" calls up an image

DOWN
RECKENHAM, KENT
RAILWAY STATION
DEPTFORD & S

in my mind, but not to
word Apium. — As for Apium
I remember to name, & I
hang in connection with
climbing plants. I am a
pretty sort of man to
write about plants!!

Nothing in your Review pleased
me more than your going
sentences about Frank. If
you know him well, you would

know that such an idea as
being flattered with you never
could creep into his mind.

In fact I wish I could
infuse a few fractions of
vanity & self-conceit into
his veins, for he never
with ~~that~~ value in the least
what he does. — Therefore I
am certain that the notion of
with this you would speak
in his praise &c. never have
occurred to him. — He
was pleased by receiving a



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