

come. They will do any
route so free to Boston.

We heard a report, brought by
Sir J. from Bridges, to his Brother
Liam Bentham, that ~~the~~
~~brother~~ was dead. I ven-
tured to disbelieve him &
have heard from him by
mail after mail & I am
sure you must have heard
of it & said something about
it. It was probably his
Brother that had died.

Bentham & his wife &
Miss Lindley enjoyed their
turn amazingly. Brown
was here last week & Walter
is quite well. Joe & Sam
are working very hard. The
farm is advancing with his
Himalayan Journal. He sends
his aff. regards to you & hopes you
will tell him all the family in the
W. Health. Flora & he will gratefully
accept them. I don't need to

Thurs. Nov. 4 1853.

My dear Dr. Gray

With our unthankings I
shall be heartily glad if things
from the Mozambique coast.
Much of novelty & interest will
be found there. Mr. Clapp
will search for *Parostema* &
c.c. I have a most beau-
tiful one from Natal quite
different from the Madag-
ascarenses. Then from
Natal we have a most
curious *Cyperaceae* plant.
The stem or canes you
would swear were that.
Look the leaf or grass
is that of a fern!!

Mr. Barclay Kinn's
parcel from you has just

turned up yet. He is prob-
ably gone to see his Father
& Mamma on the coast of
Norfolk. Some in high
favor with the old people
from the notice & advice
I have given to a nephew
of his, a Mr. Black, &
who promises to be a
good Botanist, I feel
great delight.

I thank you for telling
me of the safe return of
the Loring's. I wish we
could have seen them
again. - but I was afraid
we were in Norfolk when
they passed through.

I forwarded your note to
Wight. All your Books are
distributed down Dr. Keble
Barham. I shall send down
some more.

Harvey has not written
but I have long letters from
the Lady of the Col. Keble
in Ceylon (Barham gave
him a letter) & a letter from
Thwaites, who was expect-
ing him at Sunday the
next day & was sending
him "Phaeton" for him. I
wish I had a Phaeton. He
says Harvey has been
much disappointed in
his Alga-fishing.

I have a set of portraits
of your Bramfield family
sent for his American
friends. I shall venture
soon to send them to you.



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