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West- Chester, Penn^a April 21. 1849.

My dear Sir, Some four or five weeks ago, I forwarded, by Livingstons Express, the two MS. volumes of the Bartman & Marshall Correspondence, - which you intimated you would like to look at - notwithstanding their bulk. Altho' I have heard nothing since, I trust they reached you in safety. I was very glad you were willing to look over the volumes, - as I was anxious to have your imprimatur, before they were committed to the press. I hope you will feel free to grant it, - as the publishers have met with such encouragement, in Philad^a, that they are desirous, now, to commence the work. If you have seen as much of it, as you wish, I shall be glad to have it back, before long; that I may run over it again, & profit by your remarks, as much as possible.

There are two Gentlemen of this Village (Dr. Thomas, and Dr. Rivinus), who propose to attend the National Medical Convention, at Boston, on the first of May. If they (or either of them) should go, I will get them to call & see you; & if you can have the MS. ready by that time, one of them will put the parcel in his trunk, & bring it home with him. If any thing should prevent the fulfilment of this plan, you can send by Express, to Phil^a, when ready, - as I formerly mentioned.

There seems to be a good deal of interest manifested, in Philad^a, in relation to the work; and the Publishers are ambitious to get it out in good style. I hope it may be thought worthy of the interest thus shown in advance, by the elite of the City. I am too fond of such old papers, to have full confidence in my own judgment: But if you approve, I shall hand the M.S. over to the printer, without any misgivings.

It is proposed to have it luxuriously printed, so as to give time for a careful revision of the Proofs, & prevent typographical errors, as much as possible. The Publishers propose to have it ready for the Subscribers, about ^{the time} they are returning from the Watering places, in autumn; as many of them are of that description of people.

I would thank you to drop me a line on receipt of this, that I may know all is safe: (for, if the M.S. is lost, there is an end of the project.) - If you do not send the package by one of my Travellers, as above-mentioned, - please send me a ^{by note} note, to let me know when it is forwarded by the Express, - that I may attend to it, promptly, on its arrival in Philadelphia. -

I put into the package, between the volumes, a few specimens of my *Cardamine rotundifolia*, - which I hope reached you in safety. They were rather old; but still, they will serve to show what our plant is.

Remember me most respectfully to Mrs. Gray, & believe me, as ever, your obliged friend,
Wm. Darlingtⁿ.

Prof. A. Gray,
Cambridge. }

P.S. I rec^d. a Letter, & some Pamphlets, from our friend Dr. Brownfield, this week. He is, one of the best specimens of a Naturalist, himself, that I have ever met with. He has been exceedingly generous to our little Society, here.



Darlington, William. 1849. "Darlington, William Apr. 21, 1849." *William Darlington letters to Asa Gray*

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