

Wilmington July 26<sup>th</sup> 1880

My Dear Dr. Gray,

Your card received.

I will write to Eaton as you suggest.

I hardly expect to be able to get away from home this summer ~~year~~ to attend the Association meeting at Boston. But if I can, ~~even~~ for a day or ~~or~~ two, I will arrange to be on hand on the 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. so that I may attend the reception at the Botanic Garden which I see is set down for that day, and thus see you and Mrs. Gray once more before you go abroad.

This would be a great satisfaction: but as I cannot say that I can come to you for "a day or two" with any degree of certainty, I must,

while thanking you for your kind  
offer, so far decline as to leave  
you free to count upon "my room"  
rather than "my company" if cir-  
cumstances should make it desira-  
ble for you to do so.

With kindest regards to Mrs.

Gray -

Very sincerely

Wm. M. Austin



Canby, William Marriott. 1880. "Canby, William M. July 26, 1880." *William Marriot Canby letters to Asa Gray*

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