

Beverly Farms, Oct. 8th
1882

My dear Dr Gray,

I have been reading
all the four Biographical
Sketches which you kindly
sent me, and for which
I sincerely thank you. I
could not help being interested
in all of them, especially in
the notion of Darwin. We all
owe a great deal to you as a
temperate and thoroughly
competent interpreter of the
great Systematic view of creation
which changed a universe
of melodramatic scene-shifting

into a connected series of
organic sequences. I was much
interested, too, in your brief
account of Mr. John Amory Lowell,
whom I have known for many
years as a former member of
the Wednesday night Club and
in various other ways.

I hope I shall get you in to
see me this winter - we both
enjoyed our evenings with you
so much when you joined us
with your presence last year.

I am about resigning my
Professorship and giving my spare
hours to literary work or play,
having had a very agreeable arrangement
proposed to me by my Publishers.

which came somewhat unexpected-
ly, but just about the time
when I was beginning to think
I had taught anatomy long
enough. I shall lecture for
the present, so that they may
look round for a successor
to my work, temporary or per-
manent.

Believe me, dear Dr. Gray,

Always faithfully Yours

O. W. Holmes.



Holmes, Oliver Wendell. 1882. "Holmes, Oliver W. Oct. 8, 1882." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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