

Cambridge Friday April? 1848

My Dear Friend

In your letter received to-day is one point, which makes me reply right away - Surely I would never fail to answer at once a specific inquiry. Nor did I. The day after yours came inclosing the specimens of the Mex. Pl. *Zinnia* Plant - as I was writing to Holton. I answered several points in your letter in mine to him - knowing you would then see him every day. - among them I remember distinctly saying that the Plant in question was a *Zinnia*, having all the characters of one - except the ~~happ not~~ (yet) Chastaceous. Surely Holton must have sent to you the various answers my letter contained to your queries. - Afterward, if I remember rightly, I inclosed the specimens in the very same letter. - though I am not sure but I inclosed, in a later letter directed to yourself. I supposed you wanted the information direct for immediate use. I therefore gave it at once. Ask Holton.

Glad to hear of Fremont. He will do something now he is no longer a fighting-man.

Lowell takes a set of Gambell's Plants. -
I trust Hastings' maps are raised, now -

Has Tuckerman sent you a bound copy of
his Lichens? If not. I can give you a
copy with title-page &c. in sheets - as I took
(at cost) 20. copies from T. -

It is not been so very cold here. -

I believe it is contemplated that I am to marry
(~~two~~ ^{two} ~~favours~~) on the 4th of May, if Miss L. can get
her Father properly taken care of by that time,
and get her own affairs ready. But, as the house
in town must be closed, and the Family, what is
left of it, go the same day to Buresby for the
summer, there cannot be anything of a wedding -
which I like the better, on the whole, for, hurried
as I am now, I can hardly find time to devote
more than an hour to the business.

To-day I put some plants in the new cases
of my new study, which, when you see them you
will pronounce to be nice. I am certain. -

Good night. Love to all. Yours ever

A. Gray.



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