

Cambridge July, 21. 1864
Dear Wright.

Yours of Dec. 20, from
Rensselaer reached me a little
while ago; enclosing a check
one from me which contained
a letter from Winchell, a list
of his provisional determinations
pt. 1., and a draft on Wadsworth
of Cambridge for £ 20. - which
you can use or not, as you
find occasion & need.

I hope all this has reached
you safely, it was addressed
to care of Senior Don Jose
Blain, Santa Cruz de los Rios,
- as usual.

By the steamer of Saturday
- which takes this, a good ~~few~~
young fellow, Mr. Kennedy,
a member of our Senior Class
goes to Cuba, to look after bu-
siness of his father - and, when
he can, to botanize, only 4 or 5 weeks.

i. e. in vacation. He is
very fond of botany, and his
fate to be a Botanist, some
day. - if he does not take
to money-making, instead.

I have given him a note
to you, and a handful of
pamphlets. - and directions
how to enquire after you at
Santa Cruz, if you should
be there, or at Santiago,
where he also goes. But it
is a chance if he sees you,
after all.

Mrs. Gray is convalescent,
- able to sit up a good part
of a day. - but is still very
thin, & weak.

I am well, as usual.

I was much interested in your
letter. - As soon as plants
come from you I shall send
a set of them to Grisebach. -
And, at length, getting his return

we shall be ready to distribute
to advantage, when you come
home next summer, with the rest.
I think Grisebach might
work them all up in a Flores
Cubensis Praecursor. - you will
have done so much in the way
of materials.

You tell me not to write
you any more, but I guess we
shall yet exchange a few letters
before you get home and I
see your honest phiz again.

The war, we think, will be
pretty much over next summer;
and then - back in the Union,
with Slavery pretty much
nowhere, by the ready wish
of a majority of the people
we may expect a career of
prosperity and real advance
of the South, such as it has
never known. At least we
hope so. Ever Yours
cordially Asa Gray

paid into your ^{almost} credit at
Hanklyn or London, ready
to meet your drafts from Cuba.
So that we shall avoid all
question of and trouble with
depreciation of currency here.

I do not see how I can
get at and arrange and
overhaul the bundles yet
to indicate what species we
have yet plenty of, and what
we are short of.

But I think you can't
do better than to collect every
thing not too undesirable
you are not sure you have
collected in the proper quantities
since you last went to Cuba.

I expect I have books of 4 or
5 new subscribers, who will
want all the back nos. they
can get. But still the
principal thing is to get the
plants out in all distribution
in as many as 8 or 12 sets.

I am disposed to think, from
Grisbach's ~~late~~ list that

W. Cuba is as full as E.
of unpublished things —
"Kalmia?" and! Like
K. missota, I suppose.

"Leucostylus" is not
barbours (Styler) being
and grak (Styler's)
Grisbach would not have changed
except for some other name.

W. Grisbach does not.
I hope Dr. Mueller, who is
doing the Euphoriacea for
Dr. Pursh, at Lima, will
see into the Picea species.

Mrs. Gray is at length
getting better — able to
go out for an hour in a
close carriage: but she
gains slowly, and has more
symptoms yet I do not quite
like. Enough for to report
ever Yours cordially A. Gray

The good Dr. Booth (2
Coxs running) is dead,
Died on Christmas day.

Parry is to go to Rky.
next, the 3^d time next spring.

A.B.

29 June 1864.
If you want one in
Cuba, it should be not
one of the fullest. They are
so precious & valuable!

It is going to be a
collection of unsuspensed
value - unequalled in the
Lichen way.

Sprague is trying to
sell his place. If he
succeeds and pays off the
mortgage which represents the
money you hold my notes for,
I shall wish to pay off the
notes or one of them to your
brother. But it is uncertain.
Meanwhile I wish you
had occasion to spend
money (so far as I am
concerned, so that I could
keep paying you by degrees.
As to alms, I mean to
do as you ask - keep all



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