

Munich, June 8th 1869

My Dear Wright

It is long since you have heard from me. This is partly because I had nothing from you for a very long time. And that is because yours of Feb. 12th was sent (enclosed in a letter from Horner) to Egypt, too late to reach us there - so back to England & then to Vienna, whence I have received it here, along with your later dates of March 23^d to April 8.

It is likely there may be later letters from you at Horner's now. But Horner is in Russia, and I suppose Oliver is not clear where to send to tell I inform him.

At present, my next point for letters will be Geneva. But the least trouble for you and the easiest way for me to get your letters quickly & surely will be for you to enclose in an envelope to C. W. Loring, Pemberton Square, Boston. - who will enclose them in the weekly despatches to us.

It is hurrying & distracting work, this travelling with a pair of nice young ladies, sharp for sight-seeing, and a feeble wife, who can do little, and a lot of business & business. So you will excuse all curtness in letters. As I am speaking of Mrs. Gray, I may say, she holds on about the same, with ups & downs, but always feeble. Any news you get from

March 8, 1887

My dear Mr. Wright

It is long since you have heard from me. This is partly because I had nothing from you for a long long time. And that is because you of Feb. 12. I want (especially in a letter from Boston) to tell you, to let to reach in there - no look I expect, to let to reach in there, when I to England & then to Vienna, when I have received it here, along with your letter of Nov. 22, to April 8.

It is likely, then, may be later letter from you at Boston now. But I have not in in Paris, and I suppose Oliver is not clear when to send to tell I in from him. At present, my next point for letter is to you. But the best to write for you and the exact way for me to get your letter quickly & surely will be for you to enclose in an envelope to E. W. Loring, Cambridge, Mass., Boston. - who will send them in the usual, safe way to me. It is necessary to be looking with this travelling. Give a box of new young ladies' shoes for right shoes, and a few little gifts. You can do that, and a little of things to send to you want to be in your own hands. So you will excuse all our business in letters. I am, as always, your friend, A. A. Phelps

is, which Lizzie will like to know -
Please communicate to her, - I see that
sometimes I presume. She will come to you
at home, if you send for her. -
In your next. Please tell me, from
the York, what the Gardner accounts come
to, month by month, from Sept. 1868, and
give.

I must postage - why of course, you
 should charge to Hibernian all stamps
 you have to use on all other occasions.
 I know letters freely, even if they be
 not paid stamps & paper, when the
 enquiry is a postmark & paper one.
 When people ask for a College Cata-
 logue, just leave the request at
 the University. I forwarded Office
 about Mr. ^(Hibernian's assistant) Dwyer's school to it, without
 much trouble or expense to us.
 Checks for paying packages of dried plants
 to put in for the plants in the garden.
 I was paid charge to Hibernian.
 Alcohol, there was a good stock of
 when I left, - either in a tin can, in the
 Hibernian cellar. And some besides, I
 think, in bottles or jugs, in the cupboard
 under the sink with pump in corner of
 Whitneys study. Look there. The cornice
 (sillimanite) was turned over to Mary. How
 much, say place to get all made things at
 Mary's corner of Washington & Bedford St.
 Boston; where Markoe is a partner - a
 friend & vice president. I'm a little bit
 in as much cornice sillimanite as will.

never they reduce with 1/2 rum alcohol. After trying or
once or twice you can guess at it near enough. See it
needs is not to be a saturated solution. Chloroform is used
the intermediate pos. A good rule is to keep it in a
not in a tight place. They will reach you in a
but from the right. Glad you have seen it. Keep it
well. Please see him near and then and give
him. Please of me. I will write him. See it
can. but that is not easy now. I wish I could see
About dust, the great thing is to keep the
attention that it is. I wish I could see
want to hear the furnace. I wish I could see
as is. I am in the furnace. I wish I could see
her. I wish I could see the furnace. I wish I could see
to keep it very nice. I wish I could see the furnace.
Make the means of coming from the furnace. I wish I could see
with him to supply the furnace. I wish I could see the furnace.

find wanting. You do not need
leave from me to do all that.

Only use your judgment and
do whatever you think is best
to be done for the Herbarium, in
all respects. You, on the spot, can
judge best. All summer, I think
the Garden will require a good
deal of attention from you.
Guernsey needs direction and
advice, as to many matters. —
For example, about covering or
filling the ditch along the Bay-
ward side of Garden. At
times there is a great amount of
water comes down there. A filled
stone or rubble drain would not
carry it off. A brick drain large
enough to serve would cost a deal,
I fear. Anything of attraction
& much expense, what is at all
doubtful to you, is best postponed.

About Miss Jenkins, it is
very well, under the circumstances,
for you not to press my decision
this summer. — though that in-
volves Guernsey's paying taxes

find yourself, for I am not
leave from me to be as I
Only we your judgment and
or whatever you think is best
to be done for the children, in
all respects. You, on the other hand,
will be the better. The children will
the children will require a good
deal of attention from you.
The children need much instruction and
advice, as to how to use their
for example, about covering a
felling the lot of the children. The
much the more of the children. The
time there is a great amount of
water come down then, it fills
down a small brook and runs
away to the little brook below
enough to drive wheels and a mill,
I fear a great deal of attention
to be given to the children, but I
thoughtful to you, a lot of
it is, that this is not the
very well, under the circumstances,
for you are to keep my decision
the children, though that is
the children in the morning

on the house - which I wish to
H. P. I am considering Green-
leaves comfort and convenience
in what I have directed.
It was all very full, as long
as B. had no child then, to spare
a part of the house, - but at
first it was never intended
that Miss J. should fill all
the chambers, but now
that he has a family in-
creasing, Miss B. must have
rooms - must not live merely
in kitchen - must needs have
a parlour - while you, for the
garden's sake, must have a
local habitation, and that
must be upstairs, so that they have privacy.
I think B. will see the
propriety and necessity of all
this, - and, with all kindness to
Miss J. will arrange for a
change in the course of the summer
morning. Mr. B. is not satis-
fied with this view, but we
know. It seems to me no clear
clear as to what is best, that it is not

likely I shall change my mind.
that he can take a month or two
to arrange with comfort to all
parties. I wish to be considerate
for all parties. I think the
wages paid here, near, & far, and
with a house to live in, are fairly
good. It is not at all likely
that I can do any better by
leaving. I think I had better
be the best provided of taking
any thing by it where I had
a small family, or made the
better. But he must not count
upon that in the future, & left,
perhaps in the way of looking and
boarding any unknown he may
come to take the other, but -

As to Miss Living and Miss Put-
nam they did not go to England
but direct to Germany, & I am not
not sure to be. You are about
Mr. C. I am sure. I did not see us until we had left England, at Marneille.

Can't you send it to ~~Kew~~ Kew, against
my arrival there, along with any other
plants you want critically compared.
At the least, it can be sent thro.
the booksellers, Dickson & Field S., now
Field & Ogden St., who send about
20th of every month.

Please to pay Westerman's small
bills, & charge to ~~Garden~~ Herbarium.
- filing the bills. Say to Westerman
that we have no fund of Nordenskiöld's
in hand, and therefore will defer paying
his bill. Send Nordenskiöld's bill to him
(San Francisco, California); he will see to
it. There was a package or box of
dried plants from Hance, which should
have come, by Supply Ship, last
fall. Did it come, do you know?

I would have given Jones one of my
sheets of *Senecio* *genuiculatus*, if needed.
But there are specimens in a package
of *Conium* Mt. plants; coll. by Sullivan &
Gray, & sent me by S. last summer. I
rather think you got hold of this parcel.

If Seemann's Journal wants any
plates - or numbers (a plate might be
be given omitted & given in a later no.)
let me know in August, when I expect
to get back to England.

Mitchell send lots of Australian plants
over & over. I'm all up and leave to a

future day, - where we will collect
and get out a clear set for Mr. Brown.
Disperse the seeds from Muller as
widely as you can, to any one who
will take them.

I long to be at home again - expect
to be some time in autumn.

Boscher is likely enough to be with
you now. Tell him I will write to
him whenever I can - uncertain when.
But tell him, or if not then write
him please - the substance of the following
about Martius. - Oh, I will put
it on the other side leaf, & you can
tear it off, & send to Bremer.

We have been at Naples, Rome, Florence,
Pisa, Ostia, Padua, Venice, thence to Milan,
the Italian lakes (very beautiful), thence to
Verona, & by Brenner road to Innsbruck
& Munich - where we had 4 days, &
left to-day. This is written from
Augsburg. - Mrs. Gray is only so-so.
- about same - gains little strength.
Remember us to Brethren. Mrs. Gray
sends her regards to you. Ever your
Missionary Friend - I have paid for A Gray
as ahead. I think. Send him away
as much as you please.

Mrs. Gray's remembrances to Mrs. Guerin
& Lizzie - I would be glad of any news from Lizzie.
About home, &c. - And hopes all goes well -

At Munich, we saw, of course, much
of Madame de Martius - a sweet, good
soul, deeply grieved by the loss of her
husband, and yet bears up bravely. -
And we learned many interesting things
about good Martius. Notices of Martius'
death were ~~posted~~ sent, as usual, to all
friends - (ours to Egypt), among them to
Dr. Bremer and to the Clarks. I have
now heard from Madame Martius that
~~no notice~~ has reached her, nor her son
at Berlin, nor received any line or word
in return from America. They suppose
the notification may have failed to
reach any of the three. Yet they must in
the ways have heard. I see that Madame
de M. feels nearly anything like neglect,
and I trust that Bremer will write to
her, and also convey the substance of
this to Dr. J. Edwards Clark - whose address
I do not know (he ought to consider him-
self under obligation to the Martius family)
and also to H. J. Clark.

The youngest daughter I saw, but
she has sick children. The 2 others
are away, at Karlsruhe. Emma is
quite ill. I have corresponded with
Caroline.

Nuremberg is a queer old place, indeed.
(11th) we have had nearly 24 hours there,
and go on the way to Dresden to-day.



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