

Answer
March 28

Clermont March 21st 1864

My dear Gray —

I have just received yours of 13th inst.
& am rejoiced to learn that the Lowell Lectures are
coming off with flying colors! — just as I predicted
you see! —

Write me immediately on receipt of this
at Washington City (Brown's Hotel) where I hope to be by the
26th or 27th inst — I shall remain there but a few days
— in your letter tell me how ~~I~~ am to get access to
the Herbariums of Schlechtendal & Muhlenberg at Phil. — There is
no doing without examining them both thoroughly — must
depend on you to procure me through some of your
associations a good opportunity of examining them
critically — shall take with me my small microscope
& a few tools — will probably occupy some 3 or 4 days —
By Muhlenberg's I expect to settle some interesting matters
among our mesas — & Schlechtendal's is indispensable
in Hepaticae — I find by the frequent references to his
Sph. Am. Septentr. in Nees' Encyc. Leber. that he has
published a good many Genera, some new ones too,
which I think we have — — If it can be done reasonably
I will have a copy made of his pamphlet. —

The Mass. Alph. are advancing slowly & surely &

satisfactorily in every thing except speed.— The old story
lots of other things that must be attended to—

Glad now I have two promises of a set of the
Musco-geneus Collection of the late British Exploring Expedition.—
I shall give them exceedingly high—

Recd from Dr Engelmann the other day a set
(50 or 50) of his Mewani Nephys named by Bruck— quite like
ours only one or two diff'rent—

To send all you have for me (*Mentragia exuvii*
Muhlenbergiatae. Tuskemann's Nephys. prints of Baldwin & of
Dobrynske & Dr.) to Wiley & Putnam (N.Y.) & request them
to hold them until I call which will be in a few
days.— I have heard nothing from Lakes & wrote
him last— was in hopes to get some of his last fall's
Musco-collections — he is on my list for a set of the Musci
Allegh.— did you give him a set of our pheasants or was
I to do it? — if I, it shall be done — I have yet however
scarcely had time to look over them — were promised to any
one but do & kept — from whence by the by I have just received
(& much obliging before me) a parcel of Birds, among them is
a very much C. *lysiurus?* *grayi* " — a curious looking
specimen — I have some misgivings that it might be a mounted
specimen of *C. vulpinoides* Michx — what say you? —

— *Talp. signillo* — Young Veil intends leaving Cambridge
in May & go to Yale — reason — does not like his Clapmores! —
What is, though a boy of good parts he has not been well
drilled in his early studies & hence fails to take the steers in his
class he expected — he appears determined on the change

& I advise his father to let him make it —

I shall start day after tomorrow, intend laying over one
train at Harper's Ferry to wade the rocks! — perhaps also
a stage at Huddersfield —

This trip will be of the flying sort, & as you
are doing very well, I shall not now take time make
you a call —

Yours cordially

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How is the Muhlenbergian Herb. (the Nephys) put up?
The place where to? — The carolyn knew nothing
of them & I could not find them, though at
that time every thing was out of place & in confusion
owing to some celebration that had recently been
held in the Rivers —

— February running London Journ. of Natty resum'd —
This is all since my letter of 20th Feb: in which all receipts
up to that time were noted —

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