

was present and expressed  
his approbation of the sentiments  
I had advanced. He is  
coming to Washington and  
will visit the Smithsonians.

I am informed that Mr  
Peabody is to visit this city  
in the course of the autumn  
or winter and as I am  
to open his Institute in  
Baltimore, I shall have an  
excuse for calling on him and  
shall not fail to speak on  
the subject of your letter, I  
can do this with the more  
freedom since I have no per-

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My dear Dr

I am glad to learn from  
your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> received  
by the mail of yesterday that  
Mrs. Gray has recovered, and  
I hope she will continue in good  
condition during the winter, and  
be prepared to take advantage  
of the mild climate of Washington  
to help her through the severe  
weather of the spring.

I am also much pleased  
to learn that Professor A. and  
yourself have again come  
together. I am sure he is a  
happy man on this account.

and that you are now  
the less comfortable. I hope  
in future he may be guided  
by a little more of your  
wisdom and a little less  
by that which has of late  
years <sup>directed him</sup> ~~been directed~~

I dined with Mr. Peabody  
last Thursday on the occasion  
of the opening of his Institution  
in Baltimore. The dinner  
was a private one given  
by the Trustees to Mr. Peabody.  
I had little opportunity  
to talk with him; but

embraced the opportunity  
to say that I had lately visited  
you and had been highly  
gratified with what he  
had done for Cambridge in  
the line of ethnology. With  
this he appeared much  
pleased. I also took ad-  
vantage of the occasion  
of being called on for a  
speech to say how much  
good could be done by  
assisting men of decision  
in their investigations.  
His nephew, Professor Marsh,

and is as usual hard  
at work. His wife  
is at a private Hospital  
in New York awaiting the  
proper time for an operation.

She has been a great suf-  
ferer, and he a most  
attentive and affectionate  
husband.

Give my kind regards  
to Mrs. Gray and the two  
young ladies and return  
for yourself the assurance  
that I am as ever truly your

W. A. Gray

Friend

Joshua Hursey

project of endowment, to  
which I wish to direct  
his attention. I cannot say  
what will be the result.  
While he is a man of noble  
purpose, and desires to do  
good, I think he would  
all things being equal, pre-  
fer to perform three acts  
which will give the most  
renewal. In what way could  
public acknowledgments  
be <sup>best</sup> made to him in the case  
under consideration?

I am alone in the east  
wing of the Smithsonian

busily engaged every  
moment I can spare  
from my duties in the  
Institution preparing my  
notes for my lectures in  
Baltimore. I very reluctantly  
consented to deliver them,  
but I found that I could  
not get off. I hope I shall  
be of some service in  
giving the magnificent  
endowment of the Peabody  
a proper direction. It now  
amounts to one million of

dollars and ought not only  
to be a blessing to the city of Bal-  
timore but also to the whole  
country.

Mrs. Henry, Helen, and  
Caroline are in Philadelphia  
Mary is in New York. I ex-  
pect them home the latter  
part of the present week.

We had a very rough  
time on the road the night  
we left Boston; but arrived  
in good time and in good  
condition in New York next  
morning.

Professor Baird has returned



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