

of making an annual appropriation for the full subscription of the National Museum. At the season which has just closed it was appropriated upwards of \$40,000 for the care of the museum the fitting up the rooms and the beginning of heating arrangements.

Of course you will not be bringing on Mrs. Gray or come on to escort her home and I shall therefore have an opportunity of having a long conversation with you relative to the past present and future do not disappoint me in this!

Truly your friend

Dr. A. Gray

Cambridge.

Joseph Henry

Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

March 7th 1873

My Dear Dr Gray

I write in behalf of my family, and myself to say that we shall expect to see Mrs. Gray at our house as soon as the weather moderates sufficiently to allow of her safe coming. We have had an awful winter; nothing equal to it in severity has been experienced in this city for more than twenty years. We are however cherishing the hope that the intensely cold term which has so materially affected the festivities of the inauguration and which is now gradually passing off, will be the last of the kind during the present season.

What ever may be the condition of the weather Mrs Gray will be in a more favourable climate in Washington than in Cambridge during the spring and I therefore must urge you to send or bring her on as the weather will permit.

Dr. Newberry of Columbia College called on us on Tuesday last with a message of kind regards from Dr. Torrey whom he saw the day before. Dr. N. thinks Dr. Torrey is in a very bad condition, and that it is very doubtful as to whether he will ever again be able to leave his room. We had a letter however a few days before Dr. Newberry's

visit which gave a much more favourable account of the Dr's condition - it was from one of his daughters. Dear good Dr. Torrey overflowing with good will to men may he yet be long shared to the world. But when ever he may make his exit it will be with the general sentiment that he has performed an admirable part in the great drama of life.

My family are all in good condition and are now enjoying the quiet after the bustle of a very busy season in ^{the} way of giving and receiving visits.

All the affairs of the Institute are in good condition Congress has at length come into the measure which I have so long advocated



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