

New York, Feb. 18th 1835.

My dear friend.

I wrote you a letter on the 29th of December last, but no answer ~~to it~~ has yet been received. Perhaps it miscarried - I hope it did - for then you have a good excuse for not writing:

My course in the Medical College is nearly completed for this season. It terminates on the 28th of the month. There are pretty good prospects of our obtaining a new building in time for our next session. Our professors of Trunks are to have a joint meeting this evening, & I hope we shall be able to make definite arrangements on the subject. If the College is not built next summer, I have some idea of renting my house for a year & living one at Princeton. Can one be obtained that would suit me - not in the village? I would like to live in the "West End" - not because it is stylish, but because it is a pleasance, & I think, a healthier situation than towards N. Brunswick.

I informed you that I had a new pneumatic pump for the College under consideration. It is now completed, & will, I think, please you. The glass air holder performs admirably. The whole will cost not much

short of \$100, but it will last as long as the College
stands.

I wished to be informed whether there is any prospect
of Jaeger leaving the Institution. (I wish we could find
a place for my friend Dr. Gray in the College. He is
an uncommonly fine fellow & will make a great noise in
the scientific world one of these days. It is good policy
for the College to secure the services of a few
men of talent. & let them grow up with the institution.
How would it do for Gray to be a Tutor or assistant
in Chemistry?) Dr. MacLean cannot have any desire now
to be an assistant. It would injure him as a practitioner
very much & prevent him from taking a high stand
in his profession. Besides he is not exactly calculated
for the situation. If the College prosper & the classes
increase, an assistant will be needed in my department.
& it appears to me that he might also be a Tutor.
Gray has a Capital Her. of Collection of minerals
& understands most of the branches of Natural History
well. & in Botany he has few superiors. I am sure
that he is my ap't. in Chemistry. - but I cannot afford
to retain him with my present income).

I had a letter from Johny Vaughan yesterday. The
old man writes me to make some remarks on Ruthly

botanical paper for D. Short of Kentucky, one of the
Subscribers & the ~~the~~ Phil. Trans.

I purpose making a visit to Princeton shortly.
so you must break up your jinercachs & prepare
for an inspection. Why have none of the Princeton
men been here this winter? Will you not come soon?

I have no time to write more though I have much
to say - write soon & believe me your truly

Prof. Jos. Scary. F.A.P.S?

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