

Wp't. Chester, Pa., March 6. 1861.

My dear Friend,

Yours of the 2nd inst. reached me today. Young Mr. Rothrock called on me, recently, - introduced by a connection of this place, R. J. Meconkey, who, with his brother, is now a student at Harvard. David Meconkey Esq. is one of our rich private Bankers, here; and he assures me that Dr. Rothrock, the father of your Pupil, is a very respectable, & responsible man; so that you may rest entirely easy, on that score. I had but a hasty interview with young Mr. Rothrock, - as he was on his way to the Car. office, to leave in a few minutes; but I was pleased with his bright face, and prompt, earnest manner. He thinks he shall like Botany; and I told him, if he attended properly to your instructions, and then went
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across the great West, with some
suitable Surveying or Exploring
Party, he would be very apt to find
some plant belonging to the Genus
Rothrockia. Such an Excursion he
thought would suit him, exactly;
and so we parted. I am well
satisfied with the account Mr.
Mcconkey gave of his family; and
I may add, that I went to School,
many a day, with young Rothrock's
Grandmother. She was a member of
one of most wealthy & respectable
families, in this region. I shall
be glad to learn that the Youth
flourishes adequately at old Harvard.

It grieves me to hear of the continued
ill health, of dear Mrs. Gray. Do tell
me, as soon as you can, that she is
improving; and assure her of the
affectionate regards of her and your
aged friend, Wm. Darlington
Cambridge. }
Prof. A. Gray, }



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