

C. D. Gray

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Dear A Gray,

I suppose it is because of my residence in this benighted and out of the ^{way} place, & because of my being merely a fossil botanist and therefore not being up to the times, that I did not learn till very recently of the pleasant occurrences in

1887

Spelling Book
Learner's

connection with the
 celebration of your
 75th birth-day. We
 made the most of it
 however yesterday, by
 unanimous electing you
^{Honorary}
 a member of our Natural
 History Society with much
 pleasant talk in which
 our friend Rev. Ballou
 took a good share
 and my wife and

daughters have just been
admiring the engraving
of your floral vase
in "Scene" and de-
sire me to send to
you and Mrs. Gray
our very cordial greetings
and best wishes for
many happy returns
of the auspicious season.

I hope to send

You in a short time a
little paper on new
Cretaceous plants from
our North-west, mostly col-
lected by my son and which
help to make more complete
the history of our American
plant life from the Cretaceous
to the Tertiary. In the lower
Cretaceous we were as they
were in Europe nearly all
Ferns Gynae and Conifers.

You must like ourselves
have been much pained by the
sudden departure of our good
friend & carpenter — a terrible
trial for his dear wife and
a great loss to the world.

Sincerely yours

J. M. Dawson