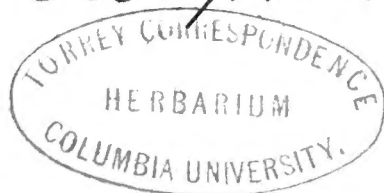


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Buffalo Dec 17. 1861



My Dear Dr Torrey.

A number of young gentlemen in this city have just organized, & with a good beginning, a Natural History Society. They intend to have a library, a museum, & an annual course of lectures. I have several very weighty reasons for desiring that you should give us a lecture.

If I arrange these reasons according to my heart they are (1) I want the pleasure of seeing you in my house. (2) I want the people to hear you

3 I want the Society to
have a place in your
sympathies. You would so
assist the Committee
in many ways. But
I want you to know
them. Of course, if you
come out here, you
will want one or more
of the young ladies to
be in your company
as we shall want them
to help eat the dinner.
Do, if possible say, yes
to them. Mr. Charles
Marshall, my particular
friend, & one of the Com-
mittee will write
you with this.

Please remember us
most cordially to the
young ladies. I am
As ever yrs
W. Clarke

