

about 1500 species to be thus
characterized on about 100 pages.
My principal object is to have
the keys tested before incor-
porating them in a school flora
for the region named. Bound
with the very imperfect little Flora
this set of keys will help pupils
in our schools until something
better can be prepared. And
this is schoolmaster's work
too. I often tire of it and
wish that I might feel at liberty
to do some real botanical work.
But I am a schoolmaster,
and I must remain a sort
of connecting link between Bota-
nists and those who may
possibly become botanists, or
at least become ^{able to} appreciate
Botanists' work.

Yours truly J. H. Allan.

San Francisco
Oct. 1881

Dear Dr. Gray:-

of the 9th. came this
I did not receive
characters descriptive of
ambigua from you
enclose your last
concerning the two
is a reply to a letter
I stated that Mrs. C.
found Campanula
and Minulus
on the Tinnin
Tarnalpais both
I enclosed specimen
a very brief descrip-
bilis ambigua. Dr.
wrote me that my



Rattan, Volney. 1886. "Rattan, Volney Oct. 18, 1886." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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