

and make head quarters
at or near San Bernardino
from which point I can
best secure the early desert
flora, and be near high Mts.
In July I may join Leavenworth
in Sierra Co.

I am determined not to leave till I get the Abies
question settled, and solve
some of the puzzles that
have so long perplexed botanists
or rejoice speculate herculean
Rocky the species making collection
of Blander. That he had
"to make hasty to make many"
he is now engaged with the
seed dealers here to send
now all their things to be
worked up & distributed in
this season, enough for the
present year to

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My Dear Dr Gray Coming from
my quiet summer retreat,
to this bustling Metropolis is
rather bewildering, hence I
feel indisposed to sit down
and write, with so much to
see. I have met Blander
once who has quite switched
off from botany since he
turned paleocean. Kelley
is on a trip to Mt Whitney.
Greene has not yet come
in so that botanists are scarce.
I find the Acad. herb in a
sad muddle. Sheets full of
unnamed plants & unopened
bundles piled away on tables
& in closets, a vast amount

of work to be done & nobody
to do it. The Seads now
have an undivided deed
of the valuable property on
Market St given by Luck
valued at \$20000, but
still occupy the old church
corner of Dupont & Calle St
& stumble on good things
occasionally. Pholisma
turns up at last from San Diego
and they are unearthing some
of my old things. Frasera
Parryi. Tigridia Parryi is the
Agave Shawii in sp which
I noted near Bd. numerous
more than 25 years ago
is a splendid species for
horticulture and is largely
collected by dealers.
I met here Dr Palmer
on route to St George to

dig Indian mounds his
San Diego collection must
include some nice things
please lay out for me a
good specimen of Frasera
Parryi.

Just as well that your
draft did not reach me
I would rather not keep up
an Indian account. So you
may send me Postle order
on San Francisco for \$18. —
to cover the flat purchase.
If I get more I will send
bill. But Palmer can do
best for you in that line
he expects to go to the Mogollon
soon. My plans are still
rather unsettled, but in case
nothing turns up to induce
me to stay here for the winter
I shall probably go North



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