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Dear Dr. Gray

We have missed for the past year
your pleasant correspondence. I have often in
my wanderings felt in with interesting botanical
data, which I wanted to communicate, but the
distance & uncertainty hindered. Now I hear that
you expect to return this fall, and hasten to
reach you with a small item that has much
interested & puzzled me. The enclosed Erigonaceae
I cannot make fit in any of the genera
(intermediate between 2 & 3.) I hate to make
up another monotypical genus, and have been
trying to see if it could not be squeezed in to
Nemcoaulis. along with Hollisteria, Watson, I have
examined Hollisteria carefully; but do not get
rid of Nemcoaulis (Cleveland being away from San Diego,
so if you have time before leaving I wish
you would look at it and ask Mr Bentham,
Spinosa. leaves specimen for Kew Herb as
I shall have more for Cambridge. I
have not yet sent it to Watson

The floral characters are precisely Erigeron
perianth 6 parted stamens 9; akenes ovate triangular,
radicle accumbent & longer than chylodons.
x x The puzzle is what to call the
irregular 5-spined whorl subtending the
cluster (20+ fl. If this can be regarded as
a whorled bract and the outer row of bractlets
an involucre, it might go into Nemacanthus
as far as I can judge from the description.
Other characters you will see from specimen
If a new genus what to call it?

In this same connexion I am also
studying Chrysanthemum & Oxytheca of which
I have some interesting material. Especially
an Oxytheca with a perfect fringe of thecae
crowning the obconic involucre 28-35!
I would like to call this O. radiata, or coronata
but fear I shall have to give it a personal
name after discoverer, O. Parishii. 'San Bernardino'!
I see Greene after he is pining for the Mogollon
Mts. we hoped to see Engelman here again
Expect to winter again in S. Cal. Kind regards to
Mr Gray Sir Joseph. Mr Bentham. Baker & c.
Very truly yours
C. L. Perry



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