

Davenport Iowa Oct 20th/86

Dear Dr Gray

Thanks for connections
which can at least be incorporated
in the Vol edition perhaps a few
extras -

I do not see how you can
properly claim more than $3/5$ the
truth in your Xanthus paper remark
as you failed to discriminate between
the external cauline bracts & the
true internal involucre. Though
you almost stumbled on it
in referring to the "enclosed prothecous
shrub" - The wonder is that the
unusual number 5 in the supposed
bracteal whorl had not suggested
a double series - Then again in
later publications you fell back on
the accepted view "Involucrum nullum"
In point of fact Lastarria

hold the same relation to
Chorizanthe & Nemacaulis does to
Erigeron.

We must take time to work
up the Hooker excursion
I should say, even better
to include February in the program
Mrs Gen Bidwell goes to Washington
this winter - so you may meet
her there at your Smithsonian
meeting. I will get things
ready for you in California

Ever yours

A.C. Parry

Regards to Laksberg, who has relatives
in Davenport!



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