

Berkeley, Cal. Aug. 30, 1885.

Dear Mr. Watson, —

I have
never yet assured you of
the arrival of the copy
of your last Contributions.

The paper came in response
to an appeal I made for
it to Prof. Gray, I guess
during your absence.

That one sent earlier must
have miscarried; for neither
I or Mrs. Curran had seen
any copy but the one which
went to the "Acad. Sciences".

It is time, now, that I
should make my acknow-
- ledgments; for I shall be
mailing to you, a day or
two hence, another number
of my Studies.

Dr. Gray has just copied
and sent me your marginal
notes on my Astragalus, of
which some have to lose
their heads, by reason of
my printer's delay.

We must clear them up
carefully before any revision
is made.

He also tells me you mark

my "Polygonum Douglasii" = ?
P. covratatum."

I thought I had made it
perfectly clear that my
P. Douglasii was simply
the western "P. tenue"; the
plant sailing under that
standard, in the Bot. King
and Bot. Cal. excluding,
of course, the varieties,
especially "var. microspumum".

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P. covarctatum I have
always been able to
distinguish readily, and
I could never have described
that as "glabrous."

My claim is simply, that
there is no P. tenue ~~between~~
between the Mississippi Valley
and the Pacific Ocean; and
the typical western "P. tenue" is
P. Douglasii. You will see
in my forthcoming paper
a description of a new form
relative of these plants - P. Anatum,
which grows in N. E. Cal.

I can not say whether a specimen
went in the recent parcel to
Cambridge; but if not, you can
have one; for I possess a half
dozen at least.

Yours Very Sincerely

Edw. L. Greene.



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Edward Lee Greene letters to Asa Gray

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