

Berkeley, Sept. 16. 1886.

Dear Mr. Watson. -

My stay among
the S. Barbara Islands was prolonged
far beyond the time at first
allotted, and I am just now
returned.

My Streplanthi were easy to get
at, and I have already laid
aside for you specimens of both.
To-morrow I must try to hunt
out from the midst of my
confused parcels the Eschscholtzias
which Dr. Gray has asked for,
put them in along with what
I am sending you; and then,
for the sake of your Crucifera,
the parcel shall go, without
waiting for many other things
which you are to have if you
desire them.

Let me say in behalf of my
Scrophularius juncaceus, that
you must not expect to find
the real character of the calyx
obvious, or even well perceptible
in dried specimens. This whole
group, for a cruciferous group, is
difficult to understand without
seeing the fresh flowers.

Regarding Cardamine cuneata
Mrs. Curran has replied. There are
no specimens at all nearer
maturity than those I saw at
Cambridge at the first.

Your queries about Thelypodium
neglectum of Marcus Jones are
somewhat perplexing to me.

You say that - "I say it is com-
mon in California". Jones
in his discussion of its merits
says it is found at San Francisco
+ Santa Cruz, and he does not
mention its occurrence in

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Arizona, whence, you say, most of what you have under that name comes. Again, you ask "Who has referred it to disymbrium?" To which I must reply, nobody that I know of. I merely meant to append it as a synonym of T. lasiophyllum; for, from Jones' description and habit it must be the same, and one of the common, large forms with pods not-reflexed. The printer has made perhaps a misleading blunder in the atrocious way in which he has made a paragraph of T. neglectum, as made my comments susceptible, perhaps, of being read as if referring to Jones' plant! Imagine that name of his put in closely

as the last of the synonyms,
then hear my remarks from
the paragraph & you will
understand me. I was
when the proofs could not
reach me, & so this piece
of awkwardness became fixed
& beyond easy ~~re~~ rectification.
Of course, according to the
Benthamian opinion to which
you so unhesitatingly subscribe,
L. neglectum, Jones, is to be the
name for the species, provided
his plant is identical with
Sisymbrium reflexum.

I am as strongly on the side of
the party who are insisting that
the very first specific name
of a plant is to be used in
defiance of every other, save
when ~~it~~ it is already in use
in the genus to which a species
is transferred. On this some

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score I drop the Mullerian specific name for *Phanicaulis* while retaining the genus. By the way, I must say I did not think and do not see how, pods of such different shape as those of *Phanicaulis* & *Parrya* can be admitted in the same genus of *Cruciferae*.

One request and I will conclude.

I am sadly afraid I shall never see what your *Thysanocarpus erectus* is like unless you send me at least one samara together with a pencil tracing of some part of a raceme.

The last will show me the precise angle of divergence of the pedicels. Of course they can not be literally erect.

I have a little poor material
of a new one from S. Cruz, (+
I hope I shall find it in
a few days) in which the
pedicels are straight, but
divaricate, not erect.

Please favor me in this
matter and believe me

Very Truly Yours

Edw. L. Greene



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