

write a few minutes, daily,

Brought a wagon load of plants
& books up, & feel sadly dis-
appointed because I cannot look
at them yet.

Prof. Eaton intimates that the
Bot. Cal, will soon be revised
for a second edition, if such is
the case I should like to know
it this winter, as I would
like to offer several corrections,
and notes of localities.

I hope my dear patron, that you
are not over-working this winter, &
that it will be long ere your
good right arm is paralyzed,

For your next season's excursion
will not your botanical party visit
Cal, & there. High Sierras? I should
be proud to welcome you here,

Good Dr. Webber sends continued re-
gards & gratitude, I would be wel-
come at this alpine hospice any season,
come & see,

Yours gratefully & sincerely J. C. Commons.

Webber Lake, near
Sierra Valley, Cal, Dec, 12, '76,

My dear Dr. Gray,

Two weeks
ago Dr. Parry wrote me
the result of my vigorous
appeal for Gilia Parryi.

I have waited for your
words on the subject but will
wait no longer since Dr. P.
declares that you concede the
fact of my prior discovery
& determination, so allow me
to express my deep gratitude
for this culminating honor
of this eventful year,

Dr. P. writes as though
my name would appear as
the named when published, and

honor which I did not expect so soon, but of course, one to which perhaps, it is proper to aspire,

I am exceedingly sorry to learn of the paralysis of Dr. Vasey. He had not yet reached the examination of my large box of plants to him and for which he recently sent me an extra \$100. It is hoped that he will speedily recover,

The good little Baron Osten Sacken has concluded to remain over the winter & sends me some valuable accessories for my microscopical & entomological studies.

Dr. Parry is busy distributing my flowers - the hard task you

so kindly performed for me a year ago,

My new found friends in Santa Barbara, are studying botany very zealously and every mail is packed with plants from them for determination; chief among the active workers there, is the Treasurer of their new Nat. Hist. Society, Miss Sara A. Plummer, who is the next most deserving person for whom my dear Dr. I will petition for honor. I & our Southern Cal. Coll, should any other new things occur please remember Miss Plummer.

Came up here early hoping the altitude & freedom from care would restore me to health, & I am gaining, but slowly, Am only able to read or

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Let me plead again the merits of Mrs. Parry. She is a good intelligent, appreciative & useful lady, and I would like very much to see her honored. If I should be able to collect any more new things out north, I cannot hope to get you to name for her a plant she had not seen, so this is my only chance.

Please don't let the presence of her eminent husband in the great family of *Gilia* prevent the introduction of this good woman who has shed many tears of gratitude when talking with me upon this beautiful flower.

A word concerning Dr. Palmer's demerits. Prof. Sargent desiring to help me a little ^{kindly} requested me to go with Dr. Parry to collect Colorado conifers - then appearing a profitable scheme, Dr. Parry had



Lemmon, J. G. 1876. "Lemmon, John G. Dec. 12, 1876." *John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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