

My Dear Prof. Barnes - (Private)

I am happy to say  
that by the liberality of friends of  
the Herbarium a sufficient income  
is secured for a number of years  
to justify me in increasing the  
working force here. Dr. N. L. Robinson  
is now with me, who is attending to the  
care of the Herbarium - what we call  
the "drudgery" of it - seeing to the  
~~pressing~~ mounting & placing of

specimens, the determination of  
them is taking to this quite happily. Most of time  
plants sent in, etc., etc., ~~books with lot~~  
therefore can soon be given  
~~and given a~~ ~~sent~~ to the "Flora". But  
~~this still remains of great use~~  
~~as all that need~~  
~~but ought to be done.~~  
~~anywhere.~~ The most department received  
no attention whatever, though our material

(Gullivore, Taylor, James, <sup>& library</sup>, etc.) affords a basis  
that should make this the headquarters  
~~on that~~ <sup>You know how much</sup> subject. A new Manual for  
~~is this in the place to prepare it.~~  
herses is needed, <sup>one of</sup> thin too the "Field, Forest  
& Garden Flora", which is the most val-

Constitutions and Testimony  
seen in Record  
Constitutions, No. 1, May 1873

Extracted from Vol. X. App. 1875  
Balanites (Benthidium). Atta Gray Dec 27, '76  
" " " " App. 5, '78  
Third revision of Order Tiliaceae 1887  
All other occurring genera  
not to be embraced in future  
vol. of Synoptical Flora  
are greatly desired

R.D. Meavis

North Yakima, Wash.

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able pecuniarity of Dr. Gray's textbooks,  
and the poorest, needs a thorough revision,  
and the sooner it is done the better. Now  
there is no one that I know who is more  
competent to do all this satisfactorily  
than yourself nor any one to whom  
I would more confidently entrust it.  
I do not suppose that I can offer  
you now quite so much as you  
are receiving where you are, but  
you may be able to see counterbalancing  
advantages. You will be essentially  
your own master, ~~and~~ your work  
will be of a kind to interest you,  
unless I am mistaken, and  
you will have an excellent oppor-  
tunity to advance the science of  
<sup>in America</sup> botany. Will you consider this  
and let me know what salary will  
tempt you to come. If you cannot  
see your way clear to undertaking this  
work, where among all ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> America



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would you be willing to remain  
in your place.

It is desirable that arrangements  
should be perfected by  
1<sup>st</sup> October that they may receive  
the approbation of the Corporation  
& the appointment be confirmed  
by them.

Yours very truly

S.W.

James Smith  
Brooklyn



Watson, Sereno. 1832. "Watson, Sereno undated [to C. R. Barnes] [draft]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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