

whether I shall end my days here
or I live much longer

As soon as I have begun
I shall distribute the remainder
of your plants - Nothing received
from him for the last 2 or 10
months and no news of him
for so long that his friends are
getting uneasy

Kindest regards to W^m Gray
I believe W^m Beutham is
writing to her

Ever your very sincerely
George Beutham

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My dear Gray

On our return home about
six weeks ago I found your letter
of the 23^d May which had arrived
shortly after our departure and now
yours of the 15th Nov has come to hand
and lay as I feel I cannot defer
thanking you for them - We had
a very pleasant tour through
Holland a German spent near three
weeks at Munich and ten days at
de Candolle & returned by Paris where
however I could only remain three
days and had but three hours at
the herbarium

Some of the memoirs you sent
me have gone astray at Hooker's
but I hope they will make their
appearance in a parcel I expect

down in the course of this week.

I have no objection to your name for the Sandwich Island *Arceuthobium* if you are quite sure of its being distinct - I had overlooked the station of a heterophylla at the Mauritius and only knew it as a long cultivated species in French botanic gardens - The Sandwich Island specimens appear to me quite to correspond with the old garden ones.

I am working up some Australian caudexous *Opuntia* - I find one of your Am. Euph. *Opid.* which we called *Oxylobium obtusifolium* but I do not think it can be that plant and at any rate is a *Chorozema* rather than an *Oxylobium* though somewhat anomalous in both genera - I am disposed to call it *Chorozema zeyheri* - It is also among the Midwill Bay plants which I think you had a set.

Our friend Martins has got much aged in his looks his hair is now white - The whole family were very friendly & we enjoyed our stay much - I made arrangements for the Leguminosae for his Flora.

At Geneva I verified a good many doubtful species of the *Prodrum*, but had not time to go through the whole.

I am now as hard at work as external circumstances well permit but Mr Bentham has had a return of the neurotic lowing she suffered from many years ago which puts me out a little and we are here rather isolated most of our neighbours away and the duller weather we have had for a long time - This place is much spoiled too by the railroad embankment - which is to be shortly opened for traffick - convenient but ugly - So that I begin to doubt



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