

by Warburg's I found that I could not venture upon any observation without a more searching investigation than I had time for. I cannot write these things offhand and each Address has taken up a great deal more of my time than I had intended to give up to it. I am now seriously contemplating giving up the Chair of the Linnean and hope that some good Zoologist may take to it - We are about to move into our new rooms in Burlington House which will in some respects be more commodious and at any rate larger and handsomer. I am much put out also by W^r Beathan's state of health which quite debars me from my usual summer holiday.

Ever yours sincerely

George Beathan

25, WILTON PLACE.

July 23/75 S.W.

My dear Gray

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th inst which I received this morning with the enclosed *Calandrinia Picherianii* which I return herewith and hope it will arrive safe - I overlooked it in doing the Flora - relying perhaps too much for the American *Eggs* *Australis* plants on the set you gave me at Pontrevel - I endeavour to look up all described Australian plants but now and then find I have forgotten one. This *Calandrinia* is very near *C. calyptrata* but remarkable for its thick perennial root whilst *C. calyptrata* is annual. I have duly described it in my interleaved copy.

I shall be very glad to supply

the publishers of the American Naturalist
with copies of Gen. St. which they may
require on your recommendation
charging them the trade price and
whatever I have to pay here for
freight - they would not take the
box I sent you with the 10 copies
without my paying the freight which
was 12/6 - I am always puzzled how
to send small parcels to you - I have
now waiting the bones of *Stenolepis*
for Columbia College and two copies
of my paper on *Compositae* which I
would wish you to give to Mr. Eaton
and to any one else you think ought to
have it. I hope soon to have also the
6th vol of *Flora Australiana*; it is all
in the printer's hands and all within
two or three sheets in type - besides
the index which always takes some
time printing. It includes all the
Monocotyledons with superior organs

I should be very sorry you should
have your present abode - though you
might be quiet yet you are now the
great centre of American botanists
and you are not old enough to give it up.

I received last night yours of the
14th inst I am flattered by your compliments
about my address - the more so as it
has not taken here - It will however
very probably be my last I am now
just 73 and I feel I can no longer do
what I did - and have now so worry
out the subjects I am able to deal with
that I feel that if I went on I should
degenerate into the twaddle of age.

I had intended to have said more
about Sam Hickey - but on looking
a little into some of his papers I did
not like his absolute conclusions about
spores and appendages and finding that
some of his observations as well as his
deductions were disputed by Treut and



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