

I have published a few more
new species of Calif. grapes.
Will send you the paper and some
specimens thereof. In fact, they
were laid out some time ago.

The wanted parts of our
Proceedings will be sent to
you by Mr. Bloomer.

Please push Brewer
to the utmost, for there is
such a great demand for
a text-book of our flora. It
will be still greater in a short time,
for I intend to make the study
of natural history obligatory in
our common schools.

With due regards

Yours
most respectfully
Henry St. Bolander

Have tended to the wood question.
Will be able to furnish ours soon.

San Francisco Jan. 27. 72
Prof. Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge

My dear Sir,

At last a sign of life
from you! I really began to think
the whole world had forgotten me.
Little, very little have I done since
I was nominated and I really
felt that something was wanting;
it was the intercourse with my plants.

I made a new start. Commenced
to answer letters again and feel the
better for it.

I collected in Bear Valley a singular
composite, which I wish to refer
to you. I found but three specimens
fit to take.

Spring has come; our hills are

green again and the violets
begin to bloom.

My new position will not
exactly permit me to make large
collections, but it will enable me
to make small choice ones. It will
afford me an opportunity of visiting
far-off districts.

During my turn of office I wish
to study particularly the distribu-
tion of our forest-trees and plants
generally. I hope you will make
some suggestions as to mode,
manner and method; for I have
it now in my own hands to see the
whole state.

I have no doubt that Prof. Whit-
ney will be enabled to proceed, for
all the members of the legislature
with whom I spoke of the matter,
seem to be very favorably disposed.

Being called before the Committee
on Education, I endeavored

to show to them that, without
the complement of the Survey, our
schools would be deprived of
some of the most useful and profit-
able studies.

The same question is before me
again. Dr. Engelm. is still dis-
satisfied with some of the conclusions
he arrived at. By his long explana-
tory letters, I became convinced that
the material, collected here and
now in European herbaria is in
a most sad confusion.

It can hardly be expected that Prof.
Brewer will touch those plants, before
having finished his botanical report.

I sincerely hope that your society
will meet here and you will come
out and see our grand sights, the
Yosemite, the Redwoods, the Big
Trees &c. I shall take great delight
in accompanying you to some of these
places.



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