

Will exchange for N.Z. plants

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Wellington N.Z.

My dear Sir

Pray accept my thanks for the copy of your papers 'Notes upon North Am^t Plants with Accts of New Species' & 'Descriptions of New Species of Plants from Northern Mexico' kindly sent by you in the early part of the year: they are full of interest. I do myself the pleasure of enclosing copies of a few short papers on N.Z. plants & specimens of our new Flora.

In a short list of 'Books for Sale' for wh application is to be made to you I notice the following -

"Botany of the Wilkes U.S. Expl. Exp. Lichens by Tuckerman. Algae by Bailey & Harvey. Fungi by Curtis & Berkeley: Phanogamia of Pacific North America by Darby - Bound in one volume. half cloth"

"Floras of the Wilkes Expl. Exp. by Sullivant. Bound."

"Sullivants Icones Muscorum & Insect. in Sheets".
129-81 plate

I should be glad to procure a copy of each, if it can be arranged for exchange. The Abolition of the State Forests Dept. of N.Z. has left me entirely disengaged or I would have gladly purchased

I can offer a copy of the 'Forest Flora of N.Z.' folio issue - on thick paper handsomely bound 160 plates. The entire work will soon be out of print but only a few copies of this large paper issue were made up & they are already valuable. They were prepared for presentation only & are not to be

Will

purchased. A copy was recently forwarded to
Professor Goddard so that in all probability you
could soon determine if it would be worth
your while to make the exchange.

I am preparing a few sets of V. L. Phanograms
& Herms for sale - to contain from 500 to 1000
forms @ 45/- to 100. Two thirds of our Phanograms
are endemic & owing to the progress of settlement
some are already becoming rare. Would you
kindly mention my intention to any likely
subscribers?

The present Govt. does not regard scientific
work with favourable eyes. The staff of the
Colonial Museum has been reduced to such an
extent that in the absence of the Director there
is no person capable of giving an enquirer
the slightest information with regard to any
doubtful point or to assist in the identification
of a plant, animal or mineral. The combined
staff of the Geology Survey Dept & Col. Mus now
consists of the Director (Sir James Hector) one
Field Hand, Secretary, Analyst, Engraver &
messenger. It wd not be easy to carry extend-
ment any further.

Believe me to be
Yours truly
T. Kirk

Professor Lorenzo Watson
Curator of the Gray Museum
Harvard University



Kirk, Thomas. 1891. "Kirk, Thomas July 16, 1891 [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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