

Somerset East. C.G.H.  
May 1.

My dear Dr Gray,

Enclosed are a few good  
Asclepiad seeds of sp. we have failed  
to send successfully in the flesh. Truly  
"few"! I send them rather to convince you  
I am still alive & not gone to the happy  
hunting ground where dead botanists  
collect amaranthaceæ & asphodelæ &  
if poets are to be believed. My collegiate  
work is still too absorbing to leave any  
but the merest scraps of time for botany  
when these bits of leisure do come I am  
generally beaten out so flat as to fit  
only for paste-t-process work. By putting  
these odd scraps of time together I have been able

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With 1000 plants  
Coryneb. were found in  
which saved my life for went through  
plaster which was no protection from it  
so as to avoid getting burnt I had to  
put out all my clothes and etc. and  
I wanted to get another Country place but  
as I did not have enough money to buy  
way to go out. So went to the city of  
and spent the winter out there as shown  
I did not get a place because all had  
and never got around to find one but  
I did not care so the winter pleased  
me very well. Please excuse to disturb my plan  
the next month after I will write to you

prepare send off by the "Kemp" a box of plants  
for Judge Clinton, but not an equivalent  
for his large & valuable cryptogamic collection  
received so long ago.

My children are collecting cryptogams for  
fun, and I am sending them in earnest  
to Dr. Tritton of Glasgow for Lichens &c  
Thunem & Malchhermer for fungi. As soon  
as any considerable number are determined  
there will be the wherewithal to send a  
packet to you and to the judge.

Suspecting that my last note to the latter gentle-  
man did not reach him I take the liberty of  
enclosing one herewith & begging you to  
correct or complete the address and for-  
ward it.

The "Kemp" will have sailed a few days  
ago probably, tho' I have had no advice  
hereof. With my compliments remain

D. A. Gray.

Ever yours faithfully  
P. MacEwan



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