

Someday perhaps I shall ~~be able~~ have knowledge of genera sufficient to carry through such things as I may recognize as new in genus as well as species.

I hope to procure for you a quantity of our "Ker Apple" seed. (*Aberia Caffra*) before long. That I have now is has been carefully saved and is not worth sending. The shrub is really the most magnificent hedge-maker conceivable. Evergreen, shining, handsome, the thorns would "persuade" an elephant to keep on the other side, and on most of our S.A. shrubs grow more quickly abroad than at home, it may prove very valuable, in the prairie states at least, for a first and lasting fence.

The *Bowiea* enclosed is most curious. It is not the also old B. of Aiton, ~~for~~ but of Hooker. Poor old *Bowiea* is still alive, and I am told Ecklon too, at Cape Town, but both have gone down to the dogs, my informants state - I know not with what correctness, through Boer brandy and half-caste connexions.

My paper is full. Once more let me thank you for your great & continued kindness, and assure you that as you are so good as to promise to "place" any collections sent, I will endeavour from time to time to send such as may be worth your notice.

I have the honour to remain

Yours faithfully

Peter MacKinnon.

Shaw College

May 17

My dear Dr. Gray,

Your very

hand last week per favour of Dr. Gray, a hasty reply to post by the "Pioneer" pressed it, determining to write to you, scribbling about the 23-4th. I must tell I have your very valuable paper & books. I may say - all - are new & familiar with the "Botanical Letter" examination of its new form & a new work. I promise myself a combined, in that process which is "eating a book up" in the April so few, save those having a personal interest are worthy.

I have once run through the excellent and am much delighted with it. It is a pity you have so many. Finding that you afford me no chance as to S.A. plants I have about a "cubic yard" of S.A. sent with 3 or 4 oz. of your most showy been almost without exception.



MacOwan, Peter. 1868. "MacOwan, Peter May 17, 1868." *Asa Gray correspondence. Senders McA-Ma*

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