

My dear friend,

I have received your letter d.d. 1 March, by which you inform me that the American Academy of Arts and Sciences has honoured me, by receiving me amongst its foreign honorary members. I am very much gratified by this acknowledgment, which I must think rather the fruit of your friendly suffragium than of my merit. I beg you to express my thanks to the Academy. As soon as I shall have received the Diploma, I shall not fail of directing my best thanks in an official manner to your celebrated corporation. I want not to say, how great pleasure it will give to me to merit such a distinction by real services towards the Academy or any one of its members. In the first place I hope to be useful by arranging in the best way possible the literary intercourse between the two Academies. Orders have been given that all our publications are to be sent every year once or twice to Mr. Neffler & Meller, via Leipzig; and I request you to direct them in the same way.

I believe that the Edgeworthia, you speak of, belongs to Saphne, if it is the Genus which Meisner has meant. There is an other synonymum of Falconer, which you will find in Secandolle as "Reptonia". I do not know any other Genus of this name. I have received by your kindness Lilliman's Journal, entire Number 77-96, and I shall be happy to receive the others as you told. You will find amongst the books for the Boston Academy some ^{old} ones also for your library. The last parcel directed to me contained also a set of the Publications of Boston Journal of natural history. I do not know, whether this was destined for me or for the Academy, which till now never corresponded with the Boston Society of natural history. I beg you therefore to give me a reply on that account and whether the Boston Society will enter in communication with our Academy. If the books were destined for me, I should feel obliged to send also something to the Society. Pray, reply me as soon as possible and direct also Mr. Tuckermann to send me the plants he promises. Happy I shall be, to receive also letters from Mr. Morton. I have been very



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