

my news as to the temperate
character of that flora. But
I have also got some plants
from the northern part of
the island which are mis-
cane. You will probably be
interested to learn, that
amongst them there occurs
a most beautiful specimen
of Comptonia acutifolia Moench,
which is known from the
Mediterranean State of Europe.
As this species is most nearly
allied to C. asplenifolia it
affords an interesting proof
that this latter probably is
a descendant of the former, which
may have passed to America
over the old land about
Bering's Strait.

Yours very truly,
A. Mathew.

Geological Survey Office
Stockholm

27 Feb. 1884

My dear Professor Gray,

Very many thanks for your
kind letter of 18th Dec. 1883
and please excuse that I
have not answered on it
long ago. But I wished to
be able to state positively,
if I should be able to
go to America this year or
not, and I am sorry to say,
that this will not be possi-
ble. I have many researches
to make in the field this
summer, which cannot be
postponed, as I have al-
ready been absent during
two summers (1882 and 1883) in



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