

Printers and lithographers
were almost on my heels,
before the chapters were
complete. I have to tell
you this that you may
understand how there
was some "waste" in
this part of the work which
you know always favors
blundering.

Now, secondly. — I remember
well, that as I was writing
that chapter, pen in hand,
it occurred to me that
~~an examination~~ an exact
definition of lecture from
the popular vocabulary,
would be very much to
the point, and your work
lying on the table waiting
a chance to read carefully
for review, I took it up.

The Germantown

Chew Street, below

Germantown, Pa.

Feb'y.

Dear Mr. Gray,

I did not
as to "how I felt in
of copying" your error
the way in which
these troubles, and
"too wonderful" to be
you seem interest
the particulars, I
as near as I rem
it is rather a long

First I must
when our first
being issued, I feel
wards others w
working in the
and would not
many for the

not want to interfere with
Eaton's work. At the conclusion
of my first series, I had all
ready for the second (M.S.S.)
when the publishers told me
from the "numerous complaints"
from subscribers, the lack of
ferns was seriously endangering
the success of the work, and
"I must have more". Now it
so happened that though I seldom
allow any personal considerations
to influence me, I could not
keep remembering that while
I was always liberal with my
works to other friends, they
rarely showed any considera-
tion for me. I have noticed,
kindly I think, in the Gardener's
Month and elsewhere Eaton's,
Goodale's, Robinson's, Williamson's
Gray's, and others' works, but
all purchased with my own
money, except in one

single instance
Structural Botany
in addition to the
own works pre-
paring many of them;
except in your
even an address
of the receipt of
certainly never
with an an-
nouncement of the
noticed made
my own cost.
Therefore I was
if I let personal
considerations decide
might for once
more ferms in
Eaton's work.
had no ferms
I had to wait

The Editor wrong and the
original author right.
I find there is no better
way to lose some valued
friendships than to seem
in a hurry to point out
errors, for what is
intended as kindness
is taken for censorious-
ness. Even in Prof. Watson's
excellent and remarkable
concupse bibliography I find
occasional mistakes. I gave
him one or two at first, but
finally his continued my
opinion. I have been
also sorry, since I saw how
my intentions were received,
that I corrected Jones' note
about the "poisonous" Malva-
rum coccineum.

Very sincerely yours
Moses Greenman

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and turned
and saw what
justice, and I
that I was str
and that a f
came at once
and that I rem
that it did br
on the ventral
I thought I rem
that that all
did burst for
way, and that
social cultu
it was only by
death, and for
I thought this
you intended
word 'norm



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