

15 Avenue de Macbenf
Paris, July 18th 1844.

My dear Dr Gray,

You have truly a right, I have
so long neglected you, to refuse me the favour I am
about to ask of you, but I trust to your goodness
and to your love of science, and beg leave to
request your aid and patronage for a young
German naturalist Dr Wunderly. Dr W. is a
physician and surgeon and carries with him his
case of instruments to practice if necessary;
he travels at his own expence and his earnest
desire is to visit the Rocky Mountains and
there to herborize and Geologize. He has some
hopes of being attached to the expedition which
the United States are about to send to the Oregon
territory. That he would be likely to be useful in such
an expedition and promote science is sufficient
for me to tell you that he is a worthy disciple of
of the celebrated Alexander Braun of Carlsruhe.

I will not lose this opportunity of thanking
you for the continuation of your most valuable

Flora, which I have regularly received and admire
the active intelligence in displays, I read likewise
with interest the correspondence of your patriarch
Cadwallader with Gronovius & Linnaeus. With what
curious shrewdness he saw through the sexual
system!

The 8th volume of the Prodrromus will shortly be
published; Decaisne has just finished the Asclepiadeae,
and the printing of the 9th volume has already begun
they tell me. You probably hear from Sir W. Hooker frequently
Hooker filius has undertaken a mighty work since his return
nothing less than an Antarctic Flora! Mr. Hombrook the
surgeon of Dr. Ure's expedition is publishing the plants they
collected, the plates which have appeared are extremely
beautiful. Candichand is going on with the publication
of the voyage of the Bonite but nothing but the plates
have yet seen the light. Richard is still upon the
Cuba plants. Have you seen Jussieu's elements. It is a
most elegant little book in which all we know or ought to
know is put into the smallest aphoristical compass. I have
not yet seen yours but shall shortly receive them from
London

I will not add more at present than that all your
friends here learn with pleasure your selection for the botani-
cal cathedra of your ancient University and more more
so than
my dear Sir
yours most faithfully P. B. Schott.



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