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Dear Gray,

I shall not enter into competition with  
Thurber, for catalogue, be sure of it. I have too  
much regard for him and feel satisfied that his  
work will be more complete and accurate than  
mine, having had Dr. Torrey's library & herbarium  
at his disposal and the advice of both you & Torrey.  
Moreover, I consider Thurber's catalogue, in the way  
it is made, which he communicated to me, as  
the troublesome part of the New Flora of N. Am.  
which we all expect from you shortly. But  
if Thurber had not been going on with his job,  
my catalogue, with perhaps its imperfections,  
would have been better than none at all.

The subscription to Harkn's collection seems to be  
at a dead-stand (\$40). A new but unsuccessful  
appeal to the generosity of the Members was  
made, at the last meeting, by Dr. Leidy. The  
meeting was scanty on account of heavy rain  
thus to settle the matter at once (matter unpleasant  
to me and to you) draw on me for \$45 and  
we will keep the collection we have now on hand.  
Should I have to add the \$5, from my own purse



to the five which I have already subscribed, it will not be paying too much the pleasure I will have in dispensing them into the body of the Academy's herbarium which has been my work and is almost ~~as~~ equally dear to me as my own. Does this answer you?

I regret that you have not forwarded your manuscript in time to have been presented at the last meeting. The next is the business meeting and, according to order, ~~the~~ paper cannot be presented and accepted the same evening. Send it, notwithstanding, we will try to pass it through, as we did your paper on Blackley's New Species. If we do not succeed, it will remain the month and then the gramineae will, I hope, be ready and the whole paper printed at once.

Very sincerely yours

E. Durand

C. Reopened.

I have just seen Leidy who has informed me that 7 Dollars more had been subscribed - This changes my ideas - Send all you can of Parry's plants to make up \$56. and add to the package what you can of my own plants, enveloped separately with my name on - Address the whole to the Academy

" I have years ago given to Prof. Gray careful description of the localities of both Isoetes, but nobody seems to have gathered them. I will repeat to you the data, perhaps you may find somebody who will make the tour of the White and Franconia mts in the fall, who would devote half an hour to the trouble to gather this subaquatic - for I. lacustris grows quite under the surface, not like the others, half in the water, & a Echo-Lake is in the Franconia Mountains near the well known Prospect-House (near which is also Prospect-Lake which undoubtedly contains the same plant) opposite the perpendicular cliff which forms the echo, is a little wooden wharff, and to the left of this, 15 to 30 steps from it, I found the plant in the lake bottom, whence it might be gathered with a netle. "

It will be good to give the above description to Mr W. Booth who, you say in a preceding letter) intends, next summer, to hunt for the N. Hampshire Isoetes.

Yours. E. D.



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