

And, my dear Dr., will you
suspect me of selfishness if I
recommend a relative? At
any rate I think my oldest
brother Wm. C. Lemmon (com-
monly called the "Judge") is well
worthy immortality. He is a
lawyer by profession, a farmer by oc-
cupation a zealous patriot by instinct
and a most exemplary citizen by
example. Latterly he has shown
great zeal in helping me along with
my various schemes, providing this
large and beautiful Herbarium building
and working daily upon the wood
specimens for the Centennial.

I need hardly add that the
naming of a flower for him would be
duly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

I have just packed two large boxes
of living plants for Vasey, and Sargent.
The most valuable collection I have ever made.
It is so late I fear their safety. Could
not get them before. Our trees are too large!

Very sincerely

Yours &c, J. G. Lemmon.

J. G. Lemmon,

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Amateur Botanist, Collector in Natural History.

AND DEALER IN

SEEDS, BULBS and ROOTS of Rare California Plants.

Sierra Valley, Cal., Oct 30th 1875.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I had prepared
with work for Dr. Vasey but I
must stop to greet you with
a few lines.

The thought that you have
been enabled to reach the closing
lines of your great services
on Bot. Calif. inspires us
Californians with gratitude.

Now our duties commence.

It must be our pleasant
task to talk about the work,
write it up, publish the great
undertaking until every homlet
and miner's cabin shall contain
testings of it and every one pos-
sible be induced to buy.

Surely nothing yet published concerning this coast can compare with such a book in interest to the greatest number.

The iddest person - the most superficial observer is interested in the trees, flowers, grains or fruits of his country; but the lover of nature will love the Cal. Bot. if he parts with his raiment!

So I predict for you the most general sale of any work on California subjects, and hope you may thereby be in part, rewarded for your great labor and sacrifices.

I have no idea of the character of the work, whether like Flora of N. A. or in more popular language with definitions of generic names like Gray's Clasp Book of Botany, but whatever it is I am going to

turn book agent again for the especial purpose of selling that work.

I have a large number of plants unreported to you yet. Have been too hard at work upon trees. I will get at them soon and send a package.

I omitted in my notes of the last new species to recommend a helping friend for honors. Perhaps it is not yet too late. Mr. Archie Martin of Big Bear-ows accompanied Mr. Garsen and myself for a few days on the heights of Garsen and rendered much intelligent assistance. He is a fine scholar & successful teacher. He followed my naming of plants eagerly with pencil & paper, and promises to make a fair amateur.

About the new Pentstemon,

Among the many species here I have no way of knowing which it is — so have gathered liberally of all found and sent specimens of each again by this mail, Should you have occasion to send me any plants, please enclose a piece of Pentstemon Lemmonii, I should like to know if it is pretty,

I have ripened several Silenes this season, and the seeds of the new Ranunculus. Plants are not seeding well this season,

Only one ^{found} tree, in all my travels, of the Abies Douglasii in fruit.

Will seed about A. amabilis to-morrow, at Webbers. None up north in fruit. I think this family bear on alternate years. The pines are in full fruit, and Junipers. No Cedar or Abies firs or spruces,

Am urged by editors and readers
of Cal. papers to write more
"Scenes in the High Sierras" but
I decline until next winter.

Your Loneza pilgrimage is delightful
and shows such high veneration
for the sleeping chief that it makes
me weep to peruse it. Please
accept thanks for myself & friend
Case, also.

Found more localities of the
rare Leucothoe Davidsonii, none of them
near home, though.

Gave Mrs Austin \$10.00 to help
her along. She is needy and hard
at work on Darlingtonia.

Must hurry over to town to catch
the mail.

Please excuse incoherence & errors.

Yours sincerely

J. S. Penman.

(Have just organized a Grange here.)



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