

the fuss to bring it to perfection,

It will be somewhat interesting to notice whether it continues to flourish in cleared land.

I hope those specimens I sent you, arrived safely and are in process of growth.

I wish now to take a liberty, which you may deem an unwarrantable one, and if so, will of course act upon your own pleasure with regard to it, but just at present I think of no one upon whom I have any special claim.

My request is this, that you would have the kindness to present my name, as a candidate for membership of the "Am. Association for the Advancement of Science" should you see fit to do.

Yours with much respect,
Prof. Asa Gray

Chickering

Bangor July 18. 1859

Dear Sir

Since writing you last, I have been quite busily employed, in one way and another, and I now seize this moment of leisure, to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Catalogue, and to express my great gratified satisfaction with its appearance.

It will I think be an almost invaluable aid in making any exchanges.

What is to be the price? I have, as yet, seen no advertisement of it.

My trip to Katahdin, the middle of last month, was a

decided success, in all respects,
though the rain prevented my
exploring the summit as thor-
oughly as I desired & intended.

I obtained on the mountain
Diapensia Sapporica
Empetrum nigrum
Rhododendron Sapporicum
Lisichiton procumbens
Kalmia glauca
Vaccinium vitis-Idaea
" *uliginosum*
" —————

Salix repens? &c &c
and about the base.

Platanthera orbiculata
" *Holkeri*
" *dilatata*
" *obtusata*

Silene cordata
Callorhiza oerna
Alnus viridis
Carex divisa? &c &c.

I intend either this Fall or
next, to spend two or three
weeks upon & around the Mt.,
exploring it as thoroughly as may
be in that time, and hope I may
be able to prepare a paper on the
Flora of the Mt. that may be of
some interest.

I have noticed some
rather remarkable facts about
the "Hardwaxia" this summer.
It occurs very plentifully all
around here, and I traced it to
within a few miles of the base
of Katahdin, but have found it in
flower in only two places near
here, and one place in Aroostook Co.
some 25 miles distant, by the roadside
in dense woods.

Its most profuse flowering here,
was on land newly burnt over, &
I conclude that it may live in the
shade, but need the full power of



Chickering, J. W. 1859. "Chickering, John W. July 18, 1859." *Asa Gray correspondence*

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/221765>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/259378>

Holding Institution

Harvard University Botany Libraries

Sponsored by

Arcadia 19th Century Collections Digitization/Harvard Library

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: Public domain. The Library considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection

License: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.