

Yellow Springs O. May 30/58

Dear Prof. Gray

The plants from
M. Gledits are here & also a parcel
for you. I intended to go to Boston
New York in about three weeks
& will take them & then forward
them to you by express. The place
you may send to me at Naples
Ontario Co. N.Y. Care of Josiah Porter
Esq. by express. In a letter which I
found here from you it is stated
that you have two sets one larger
than the other I am asking which
I will take. I will take the
larger provided you will let
me pay for it in collecting plants
for your garden at the South

I am not mistaken about
the Helisia at first I could not
believe my own eyes & with
much trouble I broke off one
of the lower limbs (it then being almost
dark) that I might verify it by daylight
& that was on the streams in the

Settlement he had made 10 rails
for fence to the "Cut" from it. I
had before seen large trees of it
(among the Smoky Mts.) in flower
in company with Regel & we both
thought it must be a new
species it was so unusual. Now
the *Abies Fraseri* grows there
as a large tree in great abun-
dance but I did not see but
one very large *Abies*. I intend
to publish on large trees I paid
particular attention to measuring
them during my stay at the
South. R. pinus pungens near
Dr. Hardy's at Asheville is 9 ft.
16 in dia. at 4 ft from ground.
On account of the beauty of its cones
it is well worthy of cultivation
I met with a small tree of it
about 11 miles from Greensboro near
the Centre of N.C. It is quite
abundant on Stone Mt. in Ga.
I also in the vicinity of Cold Mt.
N.C. That which I saw near
Greensboro was in the low country
far from mountains or hills

I intend to attend the Commem-
oration of My Alma Mater at Middle-
town Conn. the first Wednesday in
Aug. I perhaps I might continue
on & visit your garden will you
be at home about that time?

Day before yesterday I
visited Sullivan at Columbus who
is still at work at the microscope. He
has one of the best if not the
best microscope in America it
& all its appurtenances having
cost upwards of \$1000. The
drawings for his forthcoming work
are very superior being made by
a German

Yours truly
S. B. Buckley



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