Charlotte, Vermont.

9, Jan., 1887.

Asa A. Gray,

Well, if no good new ground to the south of the city of Mexico, and comparatively safe from banditti and fevers, I don't care to go that way; and four or five days' ride over rocky mountains, will take me down to palm valleys of E. Sonora and Sinaloa, where even before the end of February some trees, shrubs, etc., must be coming into bloom.

For the Mexican Central pass I am deeply grateful. I had fears that I might not enjoy so great a favor this year.

The hint given at the close of your kind note of the 3rd troubles me. Don't place me

under mighty obligations, which I may not have the health (perhaps not even life,) to discharge. I can't endure to feel myself a dependant. It is surest to work my own way out, if I can possibly make my expenses. It is a slow way, I know, and most laborious. There will be coming in to me during the season, I should think since $1000, — about what I spend each year. But it will come in slowly; and I have thought that I will be compelled to hire a few hundreds to buy a good outfit for an early start.

Of course I can't understand your generous intentions; but it troubles me to think of using your Herbarium funds.

I am not sure but I might be glad to engage myself as collector; but then I might not feel at liberty to retreat from danger.

As for the number of sets: I am hopeful of finding that I can get out, to the wagon road, any amount of material by means of donkey trains and

Indian carriers. Would not like to hear the howl of forty disappointed subscribers. Yet to travel far and light and to collect but a few specimens, how easy!

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.

N. N. A. I², p. 41. Then did I send you only the male plant of Galium Fendleri? But I had the female: came across a single specimen the other day among my "odds and ends"; and now send it. It is the mate to this which I mounted (only the female.) If it is not correctly named you will please tell me.

P.

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