

in which he is held abroad; and now
in view of his kindness of heart and
to be assured that I may address him
is a pleasure indeed. I have long wished
to submit to him some intricate questions
in hybridism. My copy of his Manual
is an early edition; and lately, learning
the changes that have been made in
nomenclature, etc., I have felt the need
of his New Manual. I assure you
I shall be glad to receive it from him.

My present expectation is to collect
next summer much more extensively
than I have done the past season; and
I shall bear in mind both yourself and
the Cambridge Botanic Garden. I hope at
no distant day to make a tour into the
wilder of Canada. May I expect to be
repaid in new or rare plants? *Calypso*
toralis is ^{now} my great object. *Asperula aristata*
blossoms, I think with *Villuma cernuum*.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Pritch.

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Charlotte, N.C.

December 5th, 1873

My Dear Sir,

That anything which
I have done for you could have
earned for me so many and great
favors, as you are bestowing upon me,
does not seem possible. I would
rather place them to the credit of
your goodness of heart. In each
particular I can hardly conceive of
anything more acceptable.

In the first place, I am delighted
with the ferns, there are so many
rare species or varieties, - kinds which
I had supposed I should only
acquire, if ever I should, after long
and painful search, and they will
go so far toward making my newly
started collection respectable.

Then there is the Transactions of
your Antislavery Society which I
had most earnestly desired ever
since it was published on account
of the action of Bro. Wilder on Hy-
bridization, which I had understood
it contained, but had not known
how to procure it. Hybridization is a
subject to which I have assiduously
devoted myself for several years,
making everything on the subject which I
can obtain whether in French or English,
and experimenting as much as I have
opportunity upon numerous varieties of
plants, — fruits, cereals, flowers, etc. I will
shortly send you a copy of The Report
of the Vermont Board of Agriculture
which contains a paper of mine on
the subject.

Then, again, the catalogue of your
Society's Library is a treasure to me, &
I cannot hope ever to avail myself

of the books, to have so full a
list of authorities on every branch of
the pursuit which I have chosen, will
be a great help & aid, and, aiding me
in the selection of just the books, I
most need, it may save me some
unwise expenditures of money. My sincere
thanks to Mr. Brewster; and I will send
him, also, a copy of our St. Report of Ag.,
presuming it has not yet found its way
to your library.

But above all these favors I hold
that of your procuring me a pass-port
to the kind notice of Dr. Gray. I have
been a diligent student of all his books;
and have come to feel for him, besides
the respect and esteem which may be
expected from a pupil toward his teacher,
something which amounts almost to
personal devotion. I have felt something
more than a national pride, when I have
observed in foreign works, the respect in



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