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Charlotte, Vermont
30, Nov., 1887.

My dear Mr. Favenport,

Once more I am safely
home from botanical travel; and
I want to hear how it fares with
you.

I send you the few forms of this
year's collection. I don't know as I
saw about the Sierra Madre the strange
Chilanthus of 1886.

I have had a hard year, and
have got badly into debt. My spring
trip was a sad failure. My assistant
fell sick before the end of the journey
out; and, after spending considerable
time and money doctoring him, I had
to send him north. He was a ~~new~~ man,
and could not stand the water
and climate. There is no telling who

can. I took this fellow as a hardy, healthy farm-son. Next I sent home for my assistant of several previous trips; but soon after his rejoining me I was attacked by fever more severely than ever before. No rain nor snow had fallen throughout the winter; scarcely any vegetation had started, and the country was getting dryer and hotter under the summer sun. I came home, to chance myself of fever. I had wasted \$600 or \$700. I was low in spirits. I did not want botanists to know of my retreat. I wanted to write you, however, but feared if I should do so, you might be questioned.

Toward the end of August I was travelling back to the mountains 160 miles west of Chihuahua, again well and hopeful, and with a good assistant and a fine outfit of weapon, mules, tent, saddles, etc. We camped for six weeks at the foot of mountains nearly 10000

feet high, amongst pine trees and beside a mountain brook clear and pure. I found myself surrounded by a strange and rich flora, and worked to my utmost to gather everything and make up for the disasters of the spring-time. Everything went well, the autumn weather was glorious, and I was supremely happy and secured a fine collection. Frost and cold winds by the end of October drove us away to lower and warmer regions.

Now as usual I have a distribution to make and herbarium work to do. But my first-care is to pay my debt. In this matter Dr. Gray is as kind as a father.

I have a dozen or more photo. plates exposed before trees, etc.; can I get you to manage them, or would it be troubling you?

Anxious to hear from you again and
Faithfully yours,
C. G. Pringle.



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