

exchange of plants. My
american Herb. consists of
an imperfect set of Drummond,
together with parts of Buech-
ley & Chapman's plants - ~~but~~
just an outline of your
Flora, which is full of gaps.

I am anxious to have Compositae
& Leguminosae - & correctly
named Asters & Solidagines,
& Helianthaceae would be very
acceptable.

Do any of your Botanists gather
seaweeds? or are they below
your notice? - Mr. B. D. Greene
whom I met at Sir W. Hooker's
in 1844 spoke of some Lady
in Boston who had made a
collection, & I entertained a
hope that he might open

Answered }
1st June

Trinity College
Dublin

Dec. 31.
1845.

My dear Sir

I owe you many-
very many apologies for
having omitted to reply to
your obliging letter, accom-
panying a copy of your Ex-
cellent "Text Book", which
I received several months
ago, through our friend Ward,
which certainly deserved
a much earlier expression
of thanks. - The reason
of my silence has been,
that I did not wish to

write until I could send
you the set of Coulter's
Californian Plants which,
long before you had applied
for them, I had mentally
reserved for you. Owing to
absence from home during
the long vacation, & a press
of business since my re-
turn it is only now that
I have found time to look
them over - & even now
am obliged to send them
without names. Little
has been done toward ar-
ranging them since the
summer of 1844, my time
having been otherwise em-

ployed, & I fear it will be still
a long time before I proceed
further in naming them. If
(without trouble) you could
give me names to the Nos
on the tickets, it would be a
most valuable assistance.

You will be pleased, I hope,
with Romneya, of which
you will find a tolerable
specimen.

D. C.'s Mexican plants are
under examination. They
have but few duplicates - but
there will be some. I suppose
you would like a set of
these also? -

It will give me much pleasure
to open a correspondence
with you for the mutual

kind friend resident on
the Coast who would undertake
such a task? - My brother
Jacob Harvey of New York,
would forward any such
box to me - & I would
gladly undertake to return
a set with names, to ~~you~~
you for your Herbarium - of
course, I mean, after they
were properly laid out & dried.
I have had such boxes of rough
dried Alga from V. D. Land, which
made excellent specimens.
If you can kindly assist me in
this matter you will do me a
real service. Believe me
my dear Sir
very truly yours
W. Harvey,

a correspondence for me
on this subject; but I
have heard nothing from
him since his return. I
have long been interested in
the Alga, & am now pub-
lishing in monthly numbers
a "Phycologia Britannica",
which will have coloured
figures of all our species.
I have in contemplation
other illustrated works on
the foreign species, and
am therefore very desirous
of specimens from all parts
of the World. From North
America I have nothing! -
except a few from the West
Coast. Your long line

of coast must contain many good things. They are easily dried, & make very pretty objects, especially admired by Lady botanists. Have you none of this class in America? who would like the amusement of picking seaweed on the shores. Here, we have many, & some of our best observers are ladies.

Good natured persons who will merely visit the shore & pick up by hand full whatever is seen; dry them like hay in the sun, without washing; pack them roughly

when dry in a ~~common~~ packing case & forward them in this state to Europe will do us at this side the water an essential favour. Such collections, if made with a very slight degree of care, so as to ensure a variety of species, & especially from your Southern States, would be very acceptable. The best time for collecting is at spring tides, when many species can be reached which are otherwise covered. The best kinds (as a general rule) grow nearest low water mark & beyond it. Have you any



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