

To Prof. Gray

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Dear Sir

It is contrary to Etiquette to send off a package without "abdicating my self of the opportunity of expressing my distinguished consideration" for the envoyee. Therefore I will make a partial report on your dozen of Manuals

- 1 J. H. Redfield 1.87 1/2 - Paid -
- 2 A Medical Student 1.87 1/2 Paid -
- 3 E Dupuy Druggist 1.88 -
- 4 Le Roy - a young botanist, - printer 1.62 1/2 Paid
- 5 Richard - - - - - lawyer 1.70 Paid
- 6 P. D. Knieskem M.D. 0 Paid
- 7 Dunlop Seedsman & Florist 1.87 Paid
- 8 } on hand yet.
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10 S. Chopin - med student - at absolute cost

11 H. Gulick of Sandwich Islands - Med. Student. Below cost

12 S. B. Mead M.D. Augusta Ill. At such price as will ballance the books.

Charges (including puff in Evangelist) 55 cts.

So much for that.

Will you give a copy to the Lyceum on condition that Dr. Torrey, Mr. Brownell & myself the committee to report on it? I think it best. we will make a short report which will tell.

Mr Cummings (N.Y. Obs) says he has broken thro' a good rule in noticing a book not sent, but he doubts not the book will come. Then. send advertisement & pay but no book. "A bad rule &c"

N.Y. Evan inserts & says nothing. A fortnight, send advertisement A long notice lies in the carriers hands - he wishes to publish but is crowded from day to day. A notice for Ev. Post not settled yet

A regular review, begun by Dr. Torrey's advice, now on the stocks waiting the completion of more urgent matter

I have one or two favors to ask. 1 I am about "getting up" a ticket. I wish on it a flower, ^{valued size if convenient.} of about the size of the butter cup of the following description - sepals, petals, stamens & ovaries, five each; & all distinct & free - in fact a model flower. Where can I steal the thing? I wish a sprig of a flower turned towards showing the stamens & pistils a flower showing the calyx, & perhaps a bud, ^{or fruit, or both} the first overtopping the others & partly overlapping the second so as to compress the whole into the space of a cent or even less. It is strange I can't find the creature any where. 2 Are there in your possession any drawings which would do me good service for lectures this spring & which you will be sure not to need? Am I permitted copy any from your chloris - or from the Am. Genera when I can get it? Are any of the "Genera" colored. My aim is to possess myself of drawings of a uniform size - about 3 feet long - of as many plants as possible with full analyses on each drawing. I do not wish to illustrate every American order but only the more

important. In the leguminosa I might wish a ~~few~~ Lathyrus, Amorpha, Petalostemum, Gleditschia, Stylosanthes & Acacia or some ^{such} plants to show the deviations permitted in the same order.

The ones I need most are Cruciferae, (one drawing will answer I think for the order), Leguminosa & Rosacea. I may be able to execute or have executed for this year from 4 to 12 for myself - for the rest I must depend on 3 I made last year, some of Dr Torrey's if he will leave them, & some from you if you can spare them.

I mean soon to visit some of these Window-shade makers & judge of the expense of having them done in oil on cloth. Oil on paper I believe is not to be thought of. I do not know what to think of water-colors on cloth.

But I am writing at random - you can judge better what I want than I can. In short I want any thing you can do for me without inconvenience to yourself.

One more favor I must ask - tho' I hardly feel it a personal favor so much as the preceding inasmuch as you may here be the gainer by my success. This is some direction where to look for matter on the history of American Botany. I enclose Dr Torrey's minutes to which I hope you may suggest some additions or make some references to the Green Library - One more favor. If Dr Torrey thinks to ask you to transmit to me those sheets of N.Y. Flora please do it at your leisure when you are sending to this city but without unnecessary delay as I hope to have it bound before another year elapses.

I am just back in my little room but not at all settled as yet - My prospects for this year are uncommonly fair. I expect to know more definitely however during this week.

Yours respectfully

I. F. Holton

P.S. - I am reminded that an error in my name accommodated me in the receipt of that package. Please eye my initials -