

Reading, April 23^d 1849.

My dear Sir,

The arduous duties of my profession have, for some time, hindered me from giving much attention to botanical pursuits, but in a late revision of my southern collections, I have discovered several plants, about which I am not wholly satisfied. You will oblige me greatly by resolving my doubts. These plants I have sent in a parcel to Mr. Geo. Thurber of Providence with directions to forward them to you as soon as possible. The *Scutellaria* seems to be midway between the *S. versicolor* & *S. canescens* of your Manual. The *Caniselinum Canadense* grows abundantly on the Juniata & Little Juniata Rivers, Huntingdon Co., Penn. Prof. Torrey in his report on the State of N. York, makes the boundary of that State its southern limit. *Aster acuminatus* has never before, I believe, been found so far south as Georgia. I enclose a specimen of *Eclipta procumbens*, var. *brachypoda*, from the bank of the Schuylkill, near Reading, also out of its geographical position.

I have observed that in ^{your} article on Mr. Fendler's plants in the Journal of the American Academy, you have published my *Helianthus* plant, & have been kind enough to add my name. For this accept my thanks. Only hope that, if it turn out to belong to another or a new genus, the specific name will stand.

During the coming summer I expect to continue my botanical investigations with more satisfaction. I have been chosen to the chair

of Natural Science in Marshall College, Mercersburg, Penn.
vice Dr. Grail Green resigned. - I have some hopes of being able to
obtain the *Pyrola oleifera*, of which you made mention some time since,
either by visiting Michaux's locality near West Liberty Town in
prospere persona, or by means of a friend. It is my desire to procure
some living plants - for which if you wish any I will be happy to
supply you. Any thing that I can do also in assisting to make
a second Edition of Your excellent Manual, which I hope may soon
be called for, more perfect, will be done with pleasure.

Please address me at Mercersburg, whither I go immediately.

Very truly yours,

Thos. L. Porter.



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