

will perhaps wonder that
I should hesitate about
accepting it. I ^{take it} ~~may~~
Sincerely Yours
P. L. Greene.

Berkeley. Aug. 16. 1882,

Dear Dr. Gray:-
Your letter of
the 8th is just come.
All which I have dared to
do in Hennigania, or so
about what I did last year,
you will see in the For. Bull.
for Sept. The same, as to
Microseris. I did not dare
print the M. melanocarpa
after I had seen all of that
which you called M. Douglasii;
but the validity of M. attenuata
is far beyond all question.
From my view of Aphanocephala
expressed to you some time ago,
I have named since, in so far
as to have distributed specimens
to correspondents (along with

P. alsinoides, Greene) as P. appaurocha-
-ta, Greene; but that is not
satisfactory to my mind yet.
The old trouble stands out in the
face, i.e., that while the
brown-ellens akemes forbid its
being a var. of P. exilis, but
give it specific rank, the
corollas expel it from Pentactata
altogether. It is the worst
juggle I know of in the whole
circle of my acquaintance; & to day
the restoration of Appaurochata
seems, to me, the nearest
approach to a satisfactory
solution.

You will be reminded, while
among the turned bundles,
of my proposed Holozonia
of a year ago. You will
look at it thoroughly, I predict,
and accept it as a very clear

generic type. I have
recently obtained more of
it, and have detected still
another strong character
which escaped my notice
last year, i.e. the pappus
of the disk flowers (!),
consisting of a pair of very
long & slender, wholly
deciduous bristles!
This, & the cupulate ditto, of
the ray akemes, drive it
wide of Lagophylla not to
speak of the more than
twice as many flowers to
the head (all white) (in
Lagophylla all yellow), and
the wholly united chaff; &
the perennial root.
I am offered the chair
of Instructor in Botany at
the University; and you

Conf. by J. W. S.



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