

Our mother's "Memorial" has re-
quired much more time and care in
its preparation (from want of experience)
than expected. Comes out to-morrow.
Will send a copy.

At certain times I have
been beset by a conception of a meth-
od of presenting a knowledge of
ferns in a manner that will
aid the mind to conceive and
the memory to retain all the de-
scriptions, classifications, compari-
sons &c. they naturally falling into
sets of threes or of some multiple
of threes, as 6, 9, 12, 15, 24, 30, &c.

Had to write it out - will make
quite a volume - but cannot pub-
lish this spring, I fear. Think
I ought to submit to S. & you
or to special Pteridologists, before publishing.

Have found time for little else
this winter. A few articles for
the Rural, or San Franciscoan.

The Citizens gave us a hearing the
other evening about our efforts
at New Orleans. A Committee at
work arranging for a second report
to a larger audience.

Weather very stormy. Much dam-
age to buildings, roads, bridges, &
cultivated grounds.

Mrs. L. busy with other friends
but joins in warmest regards to
yourself, Mrs. Gray, & Prof. Watson.

Address as before. L. Mrs. will
follow. Yours cordially J. S. Emmon.

1205 Franklin St.

Cleveland, Jan 24, '86.

Dear Dr. Gray,

In consternation
at our singular bad fortune
I sit down to drop you a
hurried line. We have
to move again!

The premises sold out
yesterday to a R. R. Co. for
a new depot. That vacate
in a month. So thought of
it until recently, &c.

I have worked all winter
clearing house, repairing dam-
ages making improvements
for permanent head-quarters
only last week getting down
to the opening of packages of
last collection of plants and
beginning to put up seeds
& go to grow. Alas... alas!

Because all this time we have been thus occupied or with last filial duties we have had little to communicate to you.

To our great surprise Mr Greene appeared at the door of the ^{recently} barbarians one morning. Of course we ushered him in and gave him cordial welcome. He soon turned all attention to our plants and began selecting such as he wished. He insisted upon paying for them despite our protestations that we wished the Acad. to have a full set of all our rare things as usual. That being the way we keep up our dues to the institution.

He called again a few days after and selected more

plants especially in the order Borraginaceae, taking in all some 80 specimens, for \$8.

No reference to the unpleasant ⁱⁿ rencontre in the old Acad. three years ago was made and everything seemed amicable between us.

A few days after notifications came to each of us that we were in arrears for a years dues - in all \$24!

Dr. Parry writes of rough treatment at the hands of Jas. Curran and so it seems that something is greatly wrong with our collectors or something exacting and peculiar about the Academicians. Too bad.

I'm sure much more could be done with harmony and united, honest work. We are told the last election was a stormy one, Dr. Harkness aspiring to the presidency. We were not able to attend.



Lemmon, J. G. 1886. "Lemmon, John G. Jan. 24, 1886." *John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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