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My dear friends, J<sup>rs</sup> Loney & Gray.

You almost live together & you must  
forgive me if I ask this time address you jointly  
for I have much on my time & hands just  
now, & what I have to say to one I say to both.

I have received your welcome letters & I have  
that your two new Parts <sup>of N. Am. Fl.</sup> have reached  
London for me & are I believe on their way  
to Glasgow for me. But they have not yet  
reached my hands. When they do I shall write  
again.

As you desire, I have put up  
all my N. American (& perhaps a few Euro:  
pean) such as I thought might illustrate  
your species, Asters, Solidagos & Helian-  
thus. I know you will look over them  
& name them to correspond with your  
specimens. I have put into the <sup>Part</sup> Copies of  
Part VII of Icons Plantarum: - Part XII of  
Fl. Br. Am. Nos 13-16 of Journal of Botany  
for ourselves & Green. There is something  
for Professor Silliman: but all are needed.

I am glad to hear you are progressing with  
your Flora. It will indeed be a most va:  
luable work. What is Nickall doing?

We have lately been unwell. My



family, indeed, were too unwell to follow of any  
looking on active part in the Meeting of the Board of  
Opposition, though I was appointed President  
of the Nat. Hist. Section; & though Lord  
Monteagle & his son were our inmates. Lady  
Hooker was confined to her bed, smothered  
the time by illness: our 2<sup>d</sup> daughter is still  
very unwell & your little friend Mary  
Henriette is suffering from a pulmonary cat-  
arrh. Our Physicians order us to take both  
these girls to Jersey. We start to-morrow.  
Lady Hooker, the 2 girls, a servant & myself.  
We leave our eldest daughter in charge of  
my dear Father: - for you will be sure,  
puzzled when I tell you he lives still & is  
comparatively well. He has no disease &  
no mortal ailment, but great bodily weak-  
ness. He walks out occasionally & comes fre-  
quently to sit in my room. On his cur-  
rent as well as on account of my prob-  
able return I cannot return soon from Jersey  
& thus go again. But this separation from  
our portion of or other of my sick family is  
very painful, & to be at such a distance  
from the absent portion! William's Wain  
is now well in health & his Pauline thrives char-  
mingly. Emma Josephine has been called of course  
Helen Letitia. He was there well & happy, & about

opposed to Berqueler's Land, V.D. Land & N.  
Dealand & then to the South Pole. About this  
time he will be at V. D. Land & about the  
time you we may hope to hear from him again.

Among the men of science here last week was  
Professor Luth & Dr. Ellotzsch, who spoke of Dr.  
Gray. Dr. Coulter was here also, who ought to  
have a fine collection of Mexican & Californian  
Plants, of which he promises me a share.  
Ellotzsch brought me a splendid collection of  
Brazilian Plants gathered by Sello & those  
are very different from what Gardner  
sends. Prof. Drummond of the Seven Rivers  
has sent me 1000 species of plants & from  
Fischer Elor I have 2000 species, many  
Brazilian plants. I wish want many of  
your N. American plants & I long to  
hear of some of your able Collectors being  
sent to Florida, or, better still, to the  
southern chain of the Rocky mountains.

What is V. Kall doing? Will he publish  
an account of his late travels? If so, please  
send a copy for me. I long been the  
work you have for me on the Oregon Terri-  
tory.

I ought to say that the Box  
of letters & I have sent to Mr. Panton's  
care in London, that it may reach you as



soon as possible by steam. I hope I am  
right in this.

Accept this affectionate regards my  
dear friends & all of their family & believe  
me most truly & faithfully  
Yours W. J. Hooker

Dr. Torrey  
Professor of Chemistry  
& Botany  
New York.

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After reading over the ~~copy~~ I saw I had stupidly  
omitted to look in Wilghey's & Greene's copies of No. 16  
of Bot. Journal. They shall go next time.



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