

West. Chester, Pa. May 31. 1862.

My dear Sir,

I have recently received the sheets from Silliman's Journal, containing the Botanical Notices, sent as usual by you, - for which I feel much indebted, as they keep me tolerably well posted, in that department of scientific news. A few days since, I also received the late Proceedings of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, directed by a hand which I did not recognize, and do not know to whom I am indebted for them. I soon perceived your Notes upon our friend Buckley's description of New Plants from Texas; and was struck by your fearful and crushing Critique, or Exposé, of his new Genera and Species. I took a lively interest in his new Genus, dedicated to my faithful and devoted Friend, Joshua Hoopes; and am very sorry it does not prove to be well founded. I wish Mr. Buckley had taken the precaution to submit his proposed New Genera to you, before publishing them; and thus avoided the mortification of the failure, and

and prevented my disappointment.
Joshua Hoopes is a very close observer, and
is more intimately acquainted with the
forest trees of this district of Country, than
any person I know; and hence I should
have been delighted to see an arborescent
Genus dedicated to him. As this first
attempt has proved a failure, I cannot
expect, at my age (now on the shady side of four score),
to see a Hoopesia, in the woodlands: But
I will add, that if you should happen to
meet with an American Tree, or Shrub, on
which it would suit to establish a new
Genus, I should rejoice in the anticipation
that it might bear the name of my worthy Friend.
With affectionate regards to dear Mrs. Gray,
believe me, very truly, your octogenarian friend,
Wm. Darlington.

Prof. A. Gray, Cambridge, Mass.

P.S. I am happy in the belief, that my young
Penn^a Friend, J. S. Rothrock, at Cambridge, has the
materials in him, to make a good Botanist.
Please convey to him my best respects. W. D.



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