

Whatever I do upon it should be considered as done
for this year & paid for in my salary.
You speak of compensation. This
introduces a subject upon which
hitherto I have preferred to be
silent, but ^{now} which I wish now to
speak frankly. It is well that
you as President of the University
should be fully informed of what
is & has been the condition of
things.

In the fall of '70 I had completed
my Report on the Botany of the 40th Year
& my connection with that survey ceased.
The Com. of Agric^l & Prof. Baird wished me
to take the post become the bot^l of the Agri^l Dept
at Washington with a salary of \$1400, Dr. Dorr
wrote me to take charge of the Herbarium of
Columbia College, and Dr. Gray wished me
to come to Cambridge for what he could
afford to pay me. I preferred the latter on
account of the greater facilities it gave
me for the work which I wished to do. In
1874 I received from the Corporation the ^{formal} appoint^{ment}
of Curator of this Herbarium, without men-
tion of salary, the amount of which has always

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,

Brookline, Mass., May 23^d 1888

Dear Mr. Watson,

I send you a bit of an
Amelanchier obtained from
Smith said to be his edible
fructed var. It is evident
that it belongs to the eastern
not the western species.

I wish you would look at
the Amelanchier and Japanese
specimen of Paddles in the
Herbarium. see what you
think of the enclosed. We
have had it a number of years
it having come from St. Petersburg

been left (as far as I know) with
Dr. Gray. For several years my nominal
salary was \$1000, since Sept. ^{it has been} 1/81 \$1200. The
amount ~~which I have~~ actually received
^{from} from the Herbarium between Sept. 1/73 and
Sept. ^(14 years) 1/87 was \$10,990.20. This has been sup-
plemented by compensation for work done
upon the Flora of California, &c., but
my receipts from the Herbarium have
barely paid my expenses while I have
been in Cambridge. I have not com-
plained often & do not now. I have been
willing to work, and to work hard, for
the love of my work. But in the
changed relations of the Herbarium since Dr.
Gray's death the compensation ^{should} now be
paid upon the amt of salary that I ^{am to} should
receive. I am willing to leave it to you
to decide whether it is not fitting, ~~fitting~~ ^{fitting} to ~~the~~ ^{the}
University & to the character of the work which
I am expected to do - that my present
salary should be increased.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

SIR:

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ACADEMY will be held at the Hall, on Wednesday,
June 13th, at eight o'clock P.M.

WILLIAM WATSON,

Recording Secretary.

BOSTON, June 9th, 1888.

The meeting will be devoted to a commemoration of the late ASA GRAY. Resolutions introduced by the President of the Academy will be responded to by Mr. Augustus Lowell, President Charles W. Eliot, Professor George L. Goodale and Mr. Sereno Watson. A biographical notice of Dr. Gray will be read by Professor William G. Farlow.

Scientific communications may be presented by title.



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Asa Gray correspondence

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