

In case of further delay in your
making up of the Lin. Journal I
have just written to Whippet
to send you a copy containing
Darwin's paper by post

Yours very sincerely
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My dear Gray

Immediately on receiving
your note enclosed to Hooker I wrote
to Whippet the Librarian of the Linnean
Society and ascertained that ~~you~~
several copies of the Linnean Journal
No 9 (2 complete & 5 botany) were
delivered in the usual manner ~~added~~
to you at Tribner's on the 21st Augt
& then wrote to Tribner and enclosed
his answer upon which you can
make the necessary enquiries at
Munroe & Co. I trust you will find
the parcel safe there

I am afraid you will be much
disappointed when you see my paper
~~illustration~~ explanatory of my Handbook
for our excellent friend Proth has made
some mistake. The part relating to
Geographical distribution - which only
contains a few general hints - has
not yet been read - What I have read
has only been some remarks on the
terminology of duration bracts and
fruits and on my ideas of genera
and species - I expect to read the

geographical distribution part (which I have just written over) at our first Socy meeting - some of the detailed notes on individual species which conclude the paper are not quite finished yet when it will be printed I do not know I fear it is too long for the Journal and will probably make a supplemental part next year.

I have been detained an unreasonable time at two Dalbergian genera *Machosium* & *Lonicocarpus* - of the latter I have been obliged to examine over and over again specimens after specimen till I am quite sick of it - so difficult to match flower and fruit - and fruits so different where flower & leaves to all appearance the same. I have been obliged to suppress *Sphinctotobium* and *Stenocarpus* and it is with great difficulty I can keep *Derris* and *Lonicocarpus* distinct & only by putting *L. pterocarpus* & *L. longifolius* (Bl. ex.) into *Derris* and some Asiatic & African ones into *Lonicocarpus* but I do not see my way quite clear yet. It is very difficult also to distinguish *Gliricidia* from *Mellettia* and I believe *Otorea* cannot stand - and all these

but with more or less delicate had come very near your *Winteria* which however I have not yet studied well - At any rate I think that *Mellettia* must be expelled from Dalbergiaceae. A. de Candolle has got *Mulle* his gloriandum if not prevent *herbarius* keeps to do the ~~do~~ to be in hand the *Euphorbia* for the *Prodromus* He will have much to do to reconcile Klotzsch and Baillon who are both to publish their species (in opposition to each other I suppose) this summer. It is a pity so few a family should be so hacked. A. de is now finishing the *Begoniaceae* and is then going to do the *Cupuliferaceae* in order to bring them out with *Andersson* Willows - *Meisner* is advancing in the *Lauraceae*.

I trust we shall soon have from Hooker's Introduction to his *Carmanion* flora - with some startling facts in geographical distribution. He has I believe been working it out with great care. We want something rational for a sedative after Agassiz's highflown display of imagination.



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