

(CIRCULAR.)

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE.

It has been for some time doubtful whether this establishment could be kept up, or whether it would have to be abandoned for the want of funds for its support. Recently, through the liberality of a number of citizens of Boston and the vicinity, it has received a permanent endowment which (including the small fund it possessed before) will yield an income of \$2500 *per annum*. The permanent existence of the Botanic Garden is therefore assured. But to put it into proper order, and to make it attractive as well as useful, even upon its present restricted scale, it should have larger means, at least \$3000 a year.

For the past twenty years the Garden has been thrown freely open to the inhabitants of Cambridge, throughout six days of the week. People of all conditions, men and women, children and nurses, have resorted to it without restriction. The grounds are inviting for a large part of the year, and are capable of being made much more so.

With a single exception, the gifts recently contributed for the re-endowment of the Garden have not come from Cambridge. But, now that the permanent existence of the establishment, in some form, is made certain, and when every increase of its means of support may be expected to contribute efficiently to its attractiveness, the Subscriber deems it not improper to invite the wealthier citizens of Cambridge to assist, if so disposed, in the renovation of this ancient establishment.

ASA GRAY.

December 10, 1866.

My Dear Sir,

In making a farewell
investment for the Garden, I have
pledged myself for a little over

\$500 more money than
I have yet raised. Any
help towards this would
be very acceptable, to
Yours very truly

Asa Gray

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Samuel Batchelder Esq



Gray, Asa. 1866. "Gray, Asa Dec. 10, 1866 [to Samuel Batchelder]." *Asa Gray correspondence : letters from Asa Gray to various individuals*

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