

Nov. 20.

I have just seen in Good, ~~Chambers~~,
that Lindley is gone too.

These great changes make
me sad.

Ever, my dear Prof. Oliver.

Yours faithfully
Asa Gray

Cambridge, Mass. Nov. 17/1855.
My dear Prof. Oliver

Yours of Oct. 30th is
before me. It is possible that
I have not acknowledged an
earlier note of yours, but I trust
I have. You ask now I am

W for M. Helena plates. I have
none at all, i.e. nothing of its
indigenous flora. So I shall be
glad enough to get the ~~offered~~ du-
plicates of Bourshells' coll.

"I have to send them, and the
Sandwich Id. parcel.?" They
would reach me promptly if sent
to Tribune St. 60 Peter Street New
York as Dr. Parker, among the
rest of his amazing partiality and
kindness to me, has given directions
to have a set of duplicate Dineen
Is. selected for me, from any spare ma-
terials of the Museum. I suppose all
together would soon warrant the
sending of a small case by the N.
M. Steamer.

Thanks for the 3 pamphlets just
received from you. The notes on
Pirineid (Pyramidocephalus, L.) are

Very interesting. I have all along
thought Buchanan could not sustain
his distinction between Sanguinol
& Praxineae, and adhered to his
view. He was lead to take that
view, I suppose by the strong desire
to keep up marked distinction between
Myrmecinae & Pterininae orders, - which
could be very convenient if it could
be done. But it will break down every
way. Your discovery of Pyromorpha =
carpenter will master the inevitable result,
and reduce Sanguinol to Praxineae in
the Gen. Pl.

About the Japan things, I am
having the set of Obolus all put
in order, & bringing together with them
what I have lately received from
Leyden Museum. And as I put them
away into books I shall have
a body of notes to send you.
Between Miquel & Maximowicz,
there is likely to be publication enough
on Japan botany for the present.

As to the Sandwich Isl
plants, I mean promptly to send
you notes of the collation of them with
my materials, and to collate Maximowicz's
things at the same time, - securing
for you a suite of all of Maximowicz's that
you can need, whenever he has reflected.
Thus far I have seen only his Conium

Praxineae, - not so many nor
so good specimens as I expected.

I encourage & shall help H.
Mann to draw up, with a list
of his own plants, a full one
of all known Hawaiian plants,
- partly to anticipate Seemann,
who is, I see, disposed to meddle
with that flora. My Hesperomannia (Mutisia) I will
print immediately, along with
some new Californian Compositae,
(You are quite right to pub-
lish your Begoniad, and I
supposed you would, of course, call
it Stillebrandia, He will de-
scribe it. There is no reason
you should hesitate to bring out
anything you wish, on H. Mann's
account. I hope he will do
something; but he is young,
untried, and without claims wh.
should stand in your way at all.
We would be ever pleased that you should
not publish what you like of Sandwich Isl.
botany, without referring to him.



Gray, Asa. 1865. "Gray, Asa Nov. 17, 1865 [to Daniel Oliver]." *Asa Gray correspondence : letters from Asa Gray to various individuals*

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