

Kew

Aug. 20, 1888.

My dear Dr. Watson:

I have been intending writing you ever since I have been here, but having nothing in particular to communicate, somehow I have not done so. My principal object now is to send you my regards, with the hope that you are having a pleasant summer.

Of course I am experiencing a very interesting time. Kew is Paradise for a botanist. And they have received me exceedingly cordially and are very good fellows. Don't see very much of Sir Joseph as he comes in only about once a week, occupying himself the remainder of the time at present in boiling Indian Habenarias &c., for the Woodcot. volume of Flora of British India. You have of course seen Mr. Bakers "Amaryllidaceae" by this time. He is a wonderful worker, and one of the most agreeable men I have ever had the fortune to be associated with. Oliver

has been away for a month but will
be home in a few days.

I have also met most of the specialists
including both Bennetts, Dr. Masters
and C. B. Clarke with whom I daily
have long and learned power words
over some poor sedge. He is making
terrible ~~noise~~ in his work on the
Monographic Volume. My poor little
Scirpus Pringlei has to go to the limbo
of synonymy as he says it is Breckelen
S. Schaffneri. I have not seen the
latter but thought I was safe from
the description! You probably have
Schaffner's plant. Please look at them.
Likewise he has a much older name
for S. heterocarpus. I was afraid of
that when it turned up from Bolivia.
And Cyperus serrulatus is exactly
the real C. vegetus, Willd. But he is
as jolly as can be, and as I have brought
him five new species and let him name
them he thinks well of me I guess.
Mrs. Britton sends kind regards. Please
remember us both to Mrs. Gray.
There will be about 300 new things among
Rusby's collections from present indications.
Very Sincerely Yours N. L. Britton,



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