

plant for the Farallone (or some
such name. Island) off the Golden Gate
is it - Kelley gave it me.

Juniperus Henryana I have an
authentic young plant of, & it is
supposed *J. Californica*. (seen by *Juniperus*
of Sierra Nevada)

I have not yet attached *Picea*
brachyphylla but shall do so as
soon as I can.

I am utterly puzzled with the forms
of *A. Menziesii* that we grow.
Our *hyperborea* is no doubt the
same as Sargent's. The subalpine
Rocky Mtn. Plant. All our cones &
Museum are like yours, smaller than
Menziesii; the leaves shorter & greener
softer & more appressed.

I have not yet attached the *Picea*
of which we have a splendid
set of cones in Museum.

As to the Report, I am very glad
that you have taken the climate in
hand, I should have been sorry
to have had to work that up.

Reports &c. I have had much to
do at R.S. been there
time a week. at least. I
have but now announced to the
Officers my intention of retiring
next year, to which they were all
opposed, & desired me to keep it a
profound secret at present. I have
however persuaded Hurdy that
Stokes ought to have the Chair, & it
remains to be seen if he will take
it. I shall not speak to him
till after the Anniversary, about
it. If he will not I am at my
wits end for a successor who will
please the scientific party, the
business party & the popular party.
As for myself, my so-called success
makes me all the more anxious to
retire. The post is a treacherous one,
I have stolen the Secret through
many ~~difficulties~~ ^{difficulties} & escaped myself
various dangers more perhaps by

identifications & hence conclusions
of vegetable paleontologists. & am
satisfied to do better or hold my
tongue for ever. Is your seriously
believe that Taxodium distichum
has survived unchanged from
Miocene times to this? if so what
has evolution & the "struggle" been
about. we can understand how types
survive ages & change of conditions to
almost any amount, but hardly
such specialized types as species of
Taxodium. O. Ken Penck in
has found Abies nigra in the Polar
Miocene & as it is not found any
more southern Miocenes suppose it
was a circumpolar creature that
migrated south.

Ever Affly Yours

W. B. Wood

P.S. I have written to Fendler & to
Preston & to Findley & to H. H. Wood
about him.

Nov 24 1871

Memoranda. Then that of the Polar
lands with Alchemilla
vulgaris, Pyrola grandiflora

Nasturtium alpinum & a lot of plants
I remember found that are nowhere
in the Polar lands: on the side of
Raffin's bay -

I have picked up for you a copy
of my Journal Himalayan, & for
Miss a copy of Scrope's Vegetation of
Central France -

I have just seen Anna of
Mauritius a copy of which shall
go to you, also of Vol. III of Flora
Brit. India: I am astonished and
proud that the Sententia Hibernica
I have all my sections of Rubiacae
I keep up nearly all my ^{species new} genera.
I hope he would have struck them off for me.
The Reptiles Richardia
Rubrobrunnea, - if I remember right.
The former was an error: it is an
American question.

I fear that a heap of Trachea



P.S. Yours of Nov 13 to hand

I quite thought that the
statement of Mr. Dr. & Sir J.D.
was a blunder & it has
misled awfully. The reading. I
need not say that it was not
my doing.

II. I found out the date of
San Juan de Joazeiro too late.

III. I looked up Watson on
Munroe & found that the
representation of Affen in
subspecies March is the
Humboldt range was so poor
that it did not amount
to a Flora.

IV. What I meant by acid Pines
he was to this effect: that



Hooker, Joseph Dalton. 1877. "Hooker, Joseph D. Nov. 24, 1877." *Joseph Dalton Hooker letters to Asa Gray, 1873-1890*

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