

Berkeley, Nov. 26, 1886.

Dear Dr. Gray.-

Thanks, indeed,
for even the privilege of a look
at those Nuttallian specimens of
Malacothrix incana. I wanted
you to give me one to keep,
but you do not seem willing;
at least, you have not said I may;
so I return them intact, and
with three better specimens,
one from each of my islands.
As for the *Delphinium simplex*,
you have none of it for me, but
your remark that it = *D. distichum*
suffices; for that species I
had recognized, and admitted
by that name into my M.S.

I am sorry you will be displeased
with my treating of Brodiea
+ Hookera: really sorry, for
I dislike to give annoyance
to you, who have labored so long,
so zealously, and so fruitfully,
in this great field. But what
am I to do? Keep silence,
let all that I know about
these things remain untold,
and wait for some body else
who has not a tittle of my
knowledge of the plants, by and
by do something? Really
you can not, in reason, expect
it, I am sure. Yet, I will
not trouble you with words of self-
defense; and you must be
bearing as you can be.

Yours as always
E. L. Greene



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