

Berkeley, Dec. 16. 1886

Dear Dr. Gray:-

Many thanks for the *Malacothrix* specimen which you have returned for me to keep. I am a worshipper of "saints and relics", hence my desire to have this specimen, with Nuttall's autograph. It is the only one I have.

It is probably too late in the season, or I should ask you to help me out of trouble by sending me fresh fruit of *Symphoricarpos racemosus* from the east. I apprehend our Californian bush is quite distinct

from it. It is far more abundantly
proctiferous, and its pedicels (very short)
are whitened and spongy-pulpy, as if a
part of the sarcocarp itself, a character
which I do not think the eastern plant
exhibits. But, it is doubtless too late
in the year for you to settle this
question for me, by examining a
bush, if indeed you have one growing
near by you.

Is your printer not at work, I am
wondering. I long to see some of
the fruit of your past year's industry.

As ever, E. L. Greene

P.S. Have lately been favored with change of
title at the U. C. (which is of no account-) and
an increase of salary, (which is very good,
& help me to ^{buy} more books.)



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