

with the same untimely  
fate as has befallen  
them; — &c. I will  
only here ~~submit~~ <sup>add</sup> one word  
in addition. Should this  
admirable publication  
be fully carried out  
America will have the  
honor of publishing a  
most important scien-  
tific work & such an  
one (I mean of such a  
kind) as Europe has  
not been yet able to  
accomplish.

I remain Sir,  
Your faithful & obed<sup>t</sup>  
servant,  
E. Prof. Henry W. Hooker.  
and so

Royal Gardens,  
Leam. Sept. 21. 1848.

Sir  
My valued friend  
Dr. Asa Gray is desirous  
that I should express  
in a few words the opinion  
I entertain of the character  
& utility of the "Genera  
Flora Americae Boreali-  
orientalis" illustrated by  
Lacour Spargue & Dr. Asa  
Gray.

I do not know that  
I can do better in such  
a case, than to refer you  
to a notice of the work  
written in June last &



published in the London  
Journal of Botany for  
July 1848; — ~~Published~~  
that was written un-  
solicited by any one &  
could not but express  
my own unbiased  
views.

But in  
case that Number  
should not have  
yet reached America, I  
will rather the liberty  
of copying 12 a dozen  
lines from that article.

"The progress of art &  
science in the United

States of America is, per-  
haps, nowhere better ex-  
emplified than in the  
volume now before us,  
which, if carried to  
completion, will, we  
hesitate not to say,  
rank among the most  
valuable & useful works  
that have appeared in  
any country. The  
"Genera Plantarum Florae  
Germanicae", & the "Icono-  
graphia Gen. Plant." of  
Professor Endlicher, seem  
to be the models on which  
this work is cast; & we  
trust it will not much



Hooker, William Jackson. 1848. "Hooker, William J. Sept. 21, 1848 [to J. Henry]."  
*William Jackson Hooker letters to Asa Gray*

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