

Asa Gray

BOTANIC GARDEN,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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My dear Dr. Dawson

The drought here in
the latter part of
summer cut off a
very promising crop of
the fruits of the Japan-
ese Ampelopsis, and
so I thought that
my offer to supply you
with seed had utterly
failed. But after
the fall of the leaves
my boys found a few,

and these I now send
you, sorry there are
no more.

If some nurseryman or
florist would plant these
now, in a box or
pot, and keep in a
cool green house till
spring, & then give
more warmth when
your sun gets power
I think you would
raise a little stock.
But some of the cups
might have a little
more than ordinary

hardiness, & so thrive
with you.

If you note that my
writing has an added
touch of illegibility
you may understand it
when I tell you that,
a month ago I broke
the right shoulder —
blade. With my
good wife's assistance
and nursing I have
got on well, and
I can now do all
needful writing —
but not with entire

can not. And Mrs G,
is variously kept so very
busy that I cannot ask
her to take on any share
of my work than she
does. Otherwise we
are well & flourishing.

Dr. Carpenter has just
finished his lectures here
with credit. And he &
Mrs C. sail for home
this week greatly delighted.

Every body likes them. —
And the Unitarians I
know take to him greatly.
If my wife were at home
she would warm regard
with mine, & much love
to Mrs. & Miss Dawson.

Sincerely Yours

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