

Lamsonia aurea is a common
weed over all the hills & lots about
Los Angeles, in beautiful condition
now. I met Red Nevins here a
most intelligent gentleman

Los Angeles. April 12th 1881

Dear Watson

I am tied up here
very impatiently waiting to break up
an agree contract on my last
trip down the coast as far as
San Luis Rey

Picked up a few desirable things
but hardly enough to pay me for
shaking. This is my chill day, but
I think I shall start it off
as I am now digging with a heavy
dose of quinine

As soon as I get well enough I
shall go up to Tulare to collect
Stanfordia. Probably go as far
as San Francisco & perhaps on
my return. Stop at Fresno & see
Carpenter's ?!

After that have promised to meet
Jeane at Silver City who will
return with me to California

There are many things in the
Mojave Desert to be looked up
and I shall try to start the Parson
in the hunt as they are active &
ambitious. They are making some
Excellent specimens of rare plants
and are very nice promising fellows
My Boyskiana cotinifolia is the
common species in Mts about
San Bernardino it flowers late
Parson will collect it in quantum suff

My Hesperoallis speculation, turns out
a complete failure (commercially) when
I went down to secure bulbs latter
part of March every trace of the
plant had disappeared. buried or blown
away in a sand storm. Fortunately
Vasey made out to collect about
20 good fl specimens. and I have
bulbs enough to test fully its adaptation
to cultivation. no capsules secured

On a little side desert trip
we secured some nice plants. some
"new to Cal" (Jones) i.e. Calandrea
among them

Melocotrich platyphylla

Fagnus Californica

Chrysantheum Corrugata

Paecephallum Schottii this last
a regular shrub 2-3 ft high with
a stem often 2 inch diameter. I never
knew calling it Psathyra. for fear
some other thing. I do not think
of just now

I enclose some scraps. with
notes accompanying

I sent ft specimens of
Holcanthus Emoryi. to Sargent for
for frag herb. That leafless shrub
from Mojave is strange & quite unknown
to me

Yours

C. C. Parry



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