

Colton, San Bernardino Co Cal
Dec 26th 1881

My Dear Dr Gray It will not do for me to let
the holidays pass without sending you at least a
kindly greeting, and wishing yourself & Mrs Gray a
happy New year (in which Mrs P. earnestly joins).
In fact not a day has past for many months that
you have not been in our thoughts. I need only
mention as example a most delightful week spent
last November at feel Bidwells magnificent
country seat, where you are most kindly remembered
and on our various drives over the Bidwell Ranch
your visit with Mrs Gray Sir Joseph Hooker &
Mr Meier were a constant topic.

Now I must say at least something of Botany
as I am finally settled down to winter quarters
with every convenience (except books) knowing the
pressure that would come upon you on your return I
have withheld much I wished to consult you about
and now only venture in a partial distribution of what
my specially interest you without taking up too
much of your time.

I was very glad to catch your nice name for
my new genus Erigeron & now send specimens
with printed labels. - also the 2 n of Oxytheca
O. Parishii & O. canophylloides of which I have

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sent some time ago Descriptions + revision of
the genus to. San Acad Proceeding. of which I fear
the printing will be delayed by the death of
our dear promising friend J. D. Putnam on
10th inst

I also send a very curious Cordylanthus. near
to C. mollis but can hardly be a mere variety it
is from near Stockton on Salt flats. I hesitate about
naming it C. clavatus or C. spicatus ???

I also enclose specimen gathered within a week
of Antirrhinum cyathiferum. Benth? collected at
Maricopa on the Gila.

What is the enclosed Lycium — — — also from the
Gila. I have others that I feel doubtful about.
A curious filia 'yellow fl' from Merced collected
in June. can hardly be J. Breweri.
also J. leucocephala from near Los Angeles. which
looks queer.

Mr Greene has probably sent you his J. heterodoxa
which were collected together in Napa valley in
June. Mr Greene has conferred with you on
Henricaria — to which we have made some new
additions I collected H. plumosa in fine condition
in Oct. near Antioch.

Lemmon keeps lively but emaciated and somehow
manages to keep in hot water with his botanical
associates. he is greatly elated over the new Phomera

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in complement to his wife "Amabilis" —
he terms her. They seem to be struggling
for want of means to live on. which may
account for some of his peculiarities. He
& I have lately had a serious falling
out for which I am sorry, as he needs all
the friends he can keep. The Parrot brothers
in San Bernardino as you will learn from
Watson are turning out 1st Class collectors
and nice intelligent men. It was one of Lemmon's
blunders to have had a falling out with them
also. which I have been trying with poor
success to make up.

My own botanical ambition is narrowing down
in the desire to perfect our knowledge of imperfectly
known plants from living observations. and encouraging
younger men to enter actively the field of discovery
that is now being opened by R R extension.
But tell me is it true that "Dea old Bentham" is
dead? I only saw the briefest notice from an
Australian correspondent. and hoped it might
be a mistake? Such a wonderful worker. who
has compassed the world with his systematic
labour his loss would make us all mourners.
I must close at present. Regards & Compliments
to Watson & Fordale &c. Very truly yours C. L. Parry

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