

Davenport, Iowa Sept 23^d / 1882

Dear Dr Gray

I send herewith a
branch of my single specimen of
Peristyle alyssa. fr. I think it will
show all the essential characters
I have never had sp of P. Parryi
by my recollection there were only 2
sp collected at an out of the way place
on the Rio grande below Presidio del Norte
I hope it may turn up again. with
Lophocarpus bractea & Cowania erectifolia!
I am just getting ready to start back
to California. while Mr Parry goes
East to Conn. I have promised
Pringle to go with him to Sta Lucia
Mts to get Abies bracteata. Then
I shall also run up to Chico &
see the agreeable Bidwell.
I send before leaving a small
parcel mainly of Chorizanthe & Oxytheca

for Watson

I do not like to trouble you with
add things. but I am a good deal
exercised over Acetostaphylos. The
Lower Cal^a plant does not agree well
with the Mexican 564 P & P. I hope
to get fruit of the Lower Cal^a sp. for
further comparison. Then I have still
another distinct species of the same
section in fl only also from San Diego.
I shall send you a specimen of the
latter which I call provisionally
Sanfordii after the collector who
promises to get the fruit.

My winter plans are not perfected
cannot decide till I get to Cal^a
I propose to work up a matter
in which I may need your assistance
viz to transfer my whole collection
botanical to the Cal^a University. at
Berkeley. provided some of those

military. Stanford Crocker & Co
 will pay me a fair price &
 establish a botanical dept in
 the University. I do not want to
 undertake instruction of classes, but
 I think freem would, and I would
 act as Curator till the collection
 was put in workable shape. This
 is my plan if I can carry it out?
 I want to make another suggestion.
 If everything is favorable I propose
 to spend part of the winter in Sonora
 and by the latter part of winter you
 will want a rest. So you might
 work on the Boston R.R. officials &
 get pass for yourself & Mr. Gray
 and come down at join me either
 at Jiquilas or Hermosillo in time
 to see the early spring flora. and
 the wonderful Cacti of that
 region. how does it strike you?

I am all ready to leave on 25th
inst. I have finished the biographical
sketch of Duncan Putnam which
now goes to print. The family seem
pleased with it. Though I had my
fears that they might expect too
much. I tried to bring out the
chief salient points in his
character & leave off minor
details that would not interest
the reading public. You will see
I soon & so can judge how far
I have succeeded in this labor of
love. My address for the present
will be Care Acad Science San Francisco.
I shall see Greene among his "Tar weeds"
will write to Watson later about
Chorizanthe &c

Very truly yours
C. C. Parry

Had a nice short visit from Carl & Margie on a



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