

Dismissing that subject which I  
am determined shall annoy me no more  
I read with pleasure from Dr.  
Voseys letter "The tree sections  
are very satisfactory, only they  
cause me regret that you had so  
much expense upon them."

That will do. I could not stand  
any other report. It is a great  
satisfaction to me to be assured that  
my work was well done, as agreed,  
if my reward was a mere pittance,

Of course Dr. W. is not blameworthy.  
He paid me more liberally than he prom-  
ised. His govt is stingy & lavish—but  
not in the proper directions.

Dr. Parry & lady invite me very warmly  
to go with them to Davenport next winter, to  
distribute our collection into sets, and for  
me to study, with the use of his library.

I shall accept if the means can be got  
from seed-selling this fall. Certain  
parties have applied so early that it  
seems certain that I can make a raise.

The Santa Barbara people still remain  
deeply interested, and have requested me  
to submit directions for collecting. to be printed  
in the Prep. Chest full items—10 pages—  
to-day.

I enclose 3 little gems for  
names. All rare here. Only one tuft of the grass  
yet seen. I miss your good letters very much.  
Very sincerely Yours, W. H. Jones.

(Address San Bernardino, Cal.)

Near San Bernardino, Cal.,

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1886,

My dear Dr.,

Leaving all the  
reporting of flowers to its good  
Dr. Parry, I have so little else  
to communicate that I have  
been silent. The golden  
days fly swiftly by, but not  
unimproved. The abundance  
of flora, its large forms, and its  
rarity to me, cause intense delight,  
and I still report myself the happiest  
man in California.

The weather—so cold and snowy  
in the Sierra as you have read—is  
also very cold here. We have not  
yet ventured to go out on the desert  
and camp. Are preparing now



to start to-morrow for the first  
trip of a week or so.

The Dr. has a Pape and takes  
the R. R. to the end of track where  
we join him with horses, — a friend  
with me.

The old San Bernardino mountain  
usually bare at this season, is yet  
covered with snow, so we cannot  
ascend it for some weeks yet.

My eye-sight is doing good  
service again. At first I was  
confused by the multiplicity of ob-  
jects. now I discriminate and  
the smallest plant is described as  
readily as before in the Sierra.

So busy am I bringing in plants  
that I give myself little time to  
study them, as I ought. Then we  
have but little data to determine  
with, principally your late "Contri-  
butions", <sup>x</sup> <sup>notations</sup> which I brought along.

I should like to hear from the  
last packages sent you. Probably  
you have reported to me in Sierra  
Valley. If so Prof. Case will  
forward.

Received a letter  
from Dr. Hasey lately enclosing a  
voucher for \$100. — all he can  
pay for the dried plants now.

He sends for <sup>freight</sup> receipts from  
the R. R. without which I will  
lose the money paid in advance  
on my tree sections. I sent  
them to him in regular business  
manner at the proper time but  
he sent them back with the  
remark that one word was  
wrong in them. I explained the  
error of the R. R. clerk, then put  
away the papers, supposing that as  
he had seen the papers it was  
enough. Now it is more than  
probable that Prof. Case cannot find it.



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