

condition so exceptionally favorable.

At least I soon decided not to quit—so inviting a field and incur the expense of a mule-train for travelling the Sierra Madre, when so few months of the season remained, and I had yet to see whether I was quite rid of fever—

But I have never forgotten that it was to explore the Sierra Madre that I went to Mexico, or that I am to settle certain questions in forestry proposed by yourself and Prof. Sargent. And my failure to reach that region this year lessens the satisfaction I feel over my season's work.

I am sorry that Mr. Forsgard could find nothing among my collections to help you out of the perplexity concerning the *Arbutus* of the S. W. Mts.

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

27, Nov., 1885.

Dear Dr. Gray,

I have just returned from my second journey to Chichuahua: and today send you by express samples of 'all my booty', excepting the grasses, which have gone to Washington, and the few species of *Eriogonum*, which Dr. Parry wished to see.

May I beg you and Mr. Watson to return the names at your earliest convenience, that I may have the printer at work upon my ticket, so I may get to work upon my distribution as soon as my boxes get home? If I travel in

next season, I should be in the field early in March (even earlier, if Batopilas is to be my base,) and therefore I must make my distribution as quickly as possible.

Perhaps you have already prepared lists of names of the plants received through Mr. Horsford last summer.

Since my return to Mexico last August, I have enjoyed perfect health, and have been at my very best for hard work; so I am encouraged to hope that I have in a good measure got acclimated there.

I look back upon the season as a most-delightful one; and my success has been very satisfactory, since I have material for fifty sets of four hundred species each besides a large "miscellany" —

As respects the vicinity of Chimalhuacán and the Mex. Cent.-P.R., I lost nothing by my absence during July; for the central plateau of North Mexico became so dry in June, that the growth of all plants was arrested.

On returning I found an abundant vegetation extending on everywhere under the influence of rains, which for experience exceeded everything experienced in the State of Chimalhuacán during the past twenty years. No rocky knoe or bare and gravelly mesa but well repaid my visits.

Through^{out} the autumn months I found more plants than I could handle growing within a radius of ten to fifteen miles from the city of Chimalhuacán, and it seemed wise to stay there and work that region thoroughly, since I had found it in a



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