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The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park
New York City

February 21, 1930

Mr. Marcus E. Jones
Pomona College
Claremont, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Responding to your letter of February 10, please pack and forward to this institution the duplicates of your Mexican collections for 1927 and 1928. It is understood that there are approximately 500 numbers in the collections and that the total cost will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$97.60.

Very truly yours

E. D. Merrill
E. D. Merrill
Director-in-Chief

EDM/GMS

Feb. 24, 1930

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you so much for the copy of your Contributions which just arrived. Now I suppose you will be dashing off on some long trips to rest up from indoor work. Collecting ought to be good soon.

We went to the Sigma Xi dinner + Welf's talk on Death Valley Friday night - weren't

and the rest was hotel bills in the valley, and for one night on the way, we didn't try to camp.

Had a note from Sam Craig - he didn't mention his health so I don't know how he is.

Hitchy seems quite pleased with St Louis, and is having a grand time, *à la* ce-pas?

J. Arthur Thompson is here this semester giving the

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too intrigued by any of it.

Our trip to Yosemite between semesters was very nice altho the warm, balmy spring weather didn't give us any chance to skate on wild ice. The valley was lovely, however and we took some fine hikes.

Can you imagine going to Yosemite & back for \$12⁵⁰ inclusive? Our transportation was only 4⁰⁰ a piece, food 2⁵⁰

Biology lectures - he is quite
interesting.

Thanks again for the book.

Sincerely yours,
Midge

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BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

FRANKLIN STEWART HARRIS, President

PROVO, UTAH

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

February 25, 1930.

Professor Marcus E. Jones,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Professor Jones:

Thanks very much for the recent identifications of a large bundle of plants I sent you and also for their safe and speedy return.

I want to thank you especially for the No. 16 contributions to Western Botany. There are many things you can say in a publication of this sort that you could not do if you relied on some magazine to do your publishing. I admire the fight that is still in you very much and in general I must say too that I agree with your point of view especially in regard to the unnecessary splitting of species+genera.

May I call your attention to an error that in some way crept into your description of the new species of Arenaria. You state that this came from the Raft river mountains in Box Elder County which is not correct. The number you gave this species is correct and was collected at Mount Delenbaugh on the Arizona strip.

I am wondering if you would set the price of a complete set (or as nearly complete as is left) of your contributions to Western Botany with the exception of your monograph of astragalus which we have already bound. I would appreciate very much if you would set aside all of these ~~post~~ numbers that you have and I shall see that our library picks them up this spring.

I am enclosing in this letter an article of mine which appears in a recent number of Ecology which might interest you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. P. Cottam

WPC/mc



Dear Mr. Jones:-

Many thanks
for your "Contributions"
the 6 first received, which
I am reading with
much interest.

Very truly
D. S. Merrill



Post Cards of Quality. — The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS.

Mr Marcus E. Jones
Powers College
Clemson
California



POST CARD

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GOLDEN GATE PARK

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C. E. GRUNSKY,
President of the Academy
BARTON WARREN EVEEMANN,
Director of the Museum and of the
Fishhart Aquarium

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Feb. 26, 1930.

My dear Professor Jones:

I write to thank you for
your kindness in sending me your
"Contributions" which I value highly. Now I
enjoy you the fall trip into the mountains
of Arizona when all was in bloom. Last
spring I had a chance to see the Apache
Trail region in its glory and collected
several that seem to be to be undescribed.
I have been invited to go again with the
same friend the latter part of next month.
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We shall again visit the Apache Trail region so that I can get the early spring flora and also some other parts where the flowers will be early.

By the way, the *Cycladenia* which you distributed from San Rafael Swell, Utah, seems to me to be a good species. It is not *C. humilis* which has smooth flowers and the corolla a different shape. Your plant has warty flowers like *C. venusta* from the Santa Lucia Mts. but again the corolla is different shape. I plan if you do not object to name it in your honor.

Yours sincerely

Alice Eastwood.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN
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February 27, 1930

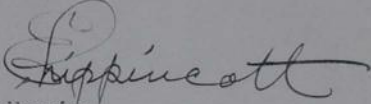
Prof. Marcus E. Jones
Pomona College
Claremont California.

Dear Sir;

From various sources the Library of this Museum has been so fortunate to receive of your Contributions to western botany, numbers 1, 4, 5, 7-13, 15, 16. We very much regret that we lack so many of the parts and we should be very greatly indebted if it might be possible for you to supply these missing numbers.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this, I am,

Very truly,


Librarian.

WM. H. CROCKER,
President Board of Trustees
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Secretary Board of Trustees

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
GOLDEN GATE PARK

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 5100
C. E. GRUNSKY,
President of the Academy
BARTON WARREN EVERMANN,
Director of the Museum and of the
Steinhart Aquarium

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Feb. 27, 1930.

My dear Professor Jones:-

I wrote to you yesterday
thanking you for Contributions No. 16. I do
want your specimens and if I am
correct this is what I desire.

1928 Cape San Lucas 194 = \$34.80

1927 East Coast 88 = 17.60

S. Arizona 215 = 25.80 total \$ 78.20.

I'd like a specimen of all your collections
mentioned in the Contributions but cannot
afford them now because of a limited appropriation.
Keep a set and I may be able to get

it later. I am trying to add to my own
collections in Arizona and believe that
one day we may have a fairly good
representation of the flora of that fascinating
region. It will be long after we are
dead and perhaps even forgotten that
the flora of that state will be known.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Eastwood.

Windsor, Colorado.
Febry 28th 1930.

Dear Prof. Jones:

I received the package of plants the first of the week. It's good of you to let me have a set - you have helped me many times - and I will try to get a return package to you before a long time. I will have to go back for some years, for I think I have already sent from my more recent collections. I think I can begin the coming week, but I am a slow worker, and it will take a little time to get out the specimens. I have been unwell and had to take to my bed for 2 or 3 days, but I am better and about again. I was pleased, too, to have Contributions to Western Botany No. 16. It costs you to get out the pamphlets and I am enclosing 1.00 and also my thanks.

Sincerely

Geo. E. Osterhout

580 NORTH LAKE AVENUE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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Feb 28. 1930

Dear Prof Jones:

Many thanks for your card about
the Pro. Calif. Academy, and the trouble
you have taken. I hope to be able to
set out to the library some day next
week, and shall apply to Mr. Kerr,
for a sight of the book.

Yours faithfully

C. F. Saunders

Mrs. H. P. Bracelin
Herbarium
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY

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Mar. 3, 1930

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I must thank you again for your last Contribution No 16. I am very glad to have it and it was kind of you to send it to me. I loaned it to Dr. Satchell who hoped you had sent one for the Herbarium and he seemed to be much interested in reading it.

I also loaned mine last two numbers to Dr. C. P. Smith.

Thanking you again I am,

Sincerely

M. P. Bracelin

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BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

FRANKLIN STEWART HARRIS, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

PROVO, UTAH

March 4, 1930.

Prof. Marcus E. Jones,
Claremont, California.

Dear Prof. Jones:

Thanks very much for your letter of Feb. 28. I shall appreciate it very much if you will put aside for us as nearly a complete set of your Contributions to Western Botany as you have. I am taking the matter up with the library and they will I am sure, send in an order for these publications. However, it might be June first until the order is placed, since it is now near the close of the school year and the new budget will not be available until that time. I promise you that we will, either through the department or library, take this set.

Your information on the Mountain Meadow Massacre is most interesting. I think that it is generally true that the youth of the Mormon Church are not greatly informed on this historical event. I was raised at St. George Utah, but heard very little of it, and my father was always loath to speak of this shameful deed, except to say that whatever the circumstance, nothing could have justified it. I am free to confess that what little I know of it I have gleaned from Bancroft's account and from the records of the trial. Personally I am interested in any other side of the question and if you have this information, I shall indeed be grateful to you for whatever facts you have and would care to give. The generation with first hand information on this and many other historical events of the west is near at its close, like yourself, and too many men, always alert, are permitted to slip away with a vast and priceless store of information unwritten.

Sincerely,

W. P. Cottam

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President of the Academy
BARTON WARREN EVERMANN,
Director of the Museum and of the
Steinhart Aquarium

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,

March 5, 1930.

My dear Professor Jones:-

We have a specimen
of *Chelidanthus lindigera* from Jalisco, Mex.
collected by Mrs. Meria and that is the
only specimen which we have. I am
sending you the illustration in Hooker's
Sp. Fl. with the description. Perhaps you
have it but I'll take a chance and it
is simple to send and return. Our copy
of Hooker is incomplete and unbound

As I could remove the pages. When you
have consulted them please return
them. You can send the specimens
at any time with the bill and we
can pay at the beginning of the
next month. The Academy pays
bills once a month. Our specimen of
C. lendigera is so well glued that
I couldn't pry off a scrap.

Yours sincerely
Alice Eastwood

Bingen, Wn., 5. March 1930.

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Prof. Marcus E. Jones
Claremont, Calif.

My dear Prof. Jones:

I would like have from Your Contributions the following:

1. — No. 10 — the onions &c
2. — Montana Botany Notes —
if You still have copies of them. What
will be the price of these?

Yours truly

W.C. Saksdorf.

Bingen, Washington.

Dr. Marcus E. Jones,
Professor of Botany,
Loomis College,
Claremont, Calif.

San Diego Senior High School,
San Diego, Calif.
March 6, 1930.

Dear Sir:-

I have just mailed to you
by parcel post a plant that was brought
to me from Cucumta, California.
I have tried to identify it from the
books at my disposal here and have thought
it might be an *Astragalus* but have
been unable to find a species that, to
my mind, corresponds with this plant.

Mr. Susan Stokes suggested I
send it to you as you were an
authority on *Astragalus*. It probably
is an old acquaintance of yours,
therefore, but quite a stranger to
me and I would very much
appreciate learning its identity if
it is not too much trouble for you.

Thanking you very sincerely,
for this kindness,

I am,

Very truly yours,
Bertha M. Howe.
(Instructor in Botany)

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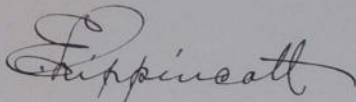
March 7, 1930

Prof. Marcus E. Jones
Pomona College
Claremont California.

Dear Sir;

We regret that you misunderstood our recent letter
as an order. This Library is largely built up by its exchanges
and we would inquire if you would like to consider receiving
some of the Museum's ^{botanical} publications as an exchange for your
publications which you so kindly sent.

Very truly,



Librarian.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY

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March 7, 1930

Marcus E. Jones, Esq.,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your "Contributions to Western Botany," nos. 15 and 16, which through the kindness of Mrs. Bracelin, who put in a good word for us, you have sent us to keep up our set. I have read them through with great interest and although I am not altogether in agreement with the learned and explosive author, I find many points with which I feel thoroughly in sympathy. I notice rather an amusing matter in one of them, where you have confounded your old friend Bailey Willis, the geologist, with J.C. Willis, the exponent of "Age and Area."

Thanking you for so kindly remembering us and trusting that you may similarly favor us in the future, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*The copies sent
(15 & 16) are being
placed with the
herbarium acct. —
W.A.S.*

W. A. Setchell
Professor of Botany

WM. H. CROCKER,
President Board of Trustees
SUSIE M. PEERS,
Secretary Board of Trustees

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GOLDEN GATE PARK

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C. E. GRUNSKY,
President of the Academy
BARTON WARREN EVERMANN,
Director of the Museum and of the
Steinhart Aquarium

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

March 10, 1930.

My dear Professor Jones: -

The two bundles
of specimens have arrived but I
just had time to even open them and
will not have time until I return from Arizona
early in April. If there is a bill in the
bundles I'll find it later; if not, will you
please send a formal bill. It
will be paid in May as I have
OK'd it and will not be here until
early April. Make it out to Calif. Acad. Sciences
over

I am glad to know that the plate and
description settled your doubts. When
I return I'll be eager to see the new
genus. I forgot to say that our bills
are paid once a month and if not
in at the end of the month they
have to go over to the next month.
Since you are in no need for the
money, it can wait.

Yours sincerely
Alice Eastwood

Silvia Blanes
Texas.

4-11-1930

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Dear Sirs,

The budget reached me today at El Paso. I am on my way to Sonora Texas 300 miles east of here, where I expect to meet Prof. Carey who is doing botanical work with me for a week or two. I am poking along and getting all the flowers and solving some botanical problems.

I did not know any of our folks were in Texas, but I am not likely to go as far east as they. The big bend of the Rio Grande is my objective. Then I propose to come along north-west toward the Grand Canyon if the flora in Texas does not hold me too long. I may get up to Salt Lake, but am not sure yet. So far I have collected a great mass

of interesting stuff, and this is why.
I am loafing along. Got here at
3 p.m. I could have gone 25 miles
farther, but preferred to stop and put
my collections of the day in press
which will take 2 hours or more.
Probably will not get off till noon
tomorrow for there is a mountain
here I want to go ~~over~~ over, first.

I left Belmont on the 1st.

What a stack of good photos.

As to schedule you would laugh
at mine. I usually get up at 5 a.m.
get out to tennis court at 6 a.m.
and quit play at 7. Then eat at
the cafeteria a baked bird's egg 2 pieces
of toast and drink a cup of coffee and
a glass of milk. Go to P.O. Then home
to read the morning paper. Then go to Crook-
shank Hall and work till 11.30. Then

3rd walk to P.O. & team up with Mr. Kull
with whom I eat lunch. which consists
of a glass of milk, a cup of coffee, salad
a piece of meat, bread and butter, one
slice and nothing else. Then go home
and lie down a hour then to the Hall
till I am played out or till 4 p.m.
Then to a cafe down town where I get
a glass of milk, for coffee and nothing
else. Then home and read the evening
paper. Then sit till dark, or write a
little but usually in bed by 7 p.m.
Then fight to go to sleep till midnight
Then doze off and wake up at 3 or 4 a.m.
For 30 years I have had to fight to get
any sleep. I dare not read at
night because of my eyes. If I am
too pezzled in the p.m. to walk
which often happens then I drive
out in to the desert or somewhere
or over in to the beach, as
Lute. I used to study the bones a

day, but now I am lucky if I
 can wash & shave before playing
 out. But I have learned when to quit.
 It seems lazy, but nature demands it.
 As a result my mind keeps alert all
 the time, and I don't feel old, nor
 do I seem to lose acuteness. I used
 to dread getting old, but I am now
 seven years older than father when
 he died of paresis. I have no doubt
 that someday my old machine will
 slip a cog, but I am going to stay
 on the monitor in hospital then. They
 say they think it dangerous for me
 to go off so far alone, maybe it is,
 but I am careful and take few
 chances, and don't try to do what I
 know I can't do.

I have lost the thread of our
 discussion. So I don't know what

5. To reply to Butk. Butk will say
that my life work has taught me
that the divisions we see in Nature to
meet emergencies are not of divine
origin, but crude attempts of plants
and animals to adjust themselves to
environment. Then you ask "What
about God?" I let him handle things
as he sees fit and I don't saddle on
him a stupid anthropological system.
All I know is that he has directed
and watched over me in his way,
not mine, and when I have ditched
all my theology and tried to find
his will I have had peace. I
once knew just how he did everything
when I had the theology of the Bible
down pat, but now that I know it
is all a lie, I am not so sure about
how to tell God what to do.

Malcolm

March 10 - 1930.

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My dear Mr. Jones,
I received your letter and package in due time, and ought to have written to you, but I have been trying to have lumber for over a week.

I thought also I might be in Claremont and could thank you in person.

I was very glad to receive your last "Contribution to Western Botany", and thank you for it.

I taught school in Iowa for seven years, and I also remember the prairies of sixty years ago.

I am so glad you had that wonderful experience in Mexico. Did you know a Mr. Spence who sent Mr. Bropley so many fern specimens from there, Respectfully,
Mrs. A. J. Nelson

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BERKELEY

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March 17, 1930

Marcus E. Jones, Esq.,
Department of Botany,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Marcus:-

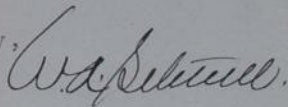
Yours of the 8th duly received and I am very much interested in its contents. The Willis you have confused in your paper with Bailey Willis is J. C. Willis, formerly at Rio Janeiro and at Peradeniya and at present I do not know just where.

As to the "explosive professor," I feel that the word is a good one, but I did not mean it in any sense other than vigorous, active, and putting forth your ideas in an energetic fashion.

In regard to the matter of your publications in the Herbarium, I may say that I think we are well supplied up to the present. We have the Brandegee set, which has been bound, and your two latest are also being bound to go with the others. We have also a set you sent to me at my request, and extremely generously. I desire to have everything possible here in our library, in order that not only we may consult it, but that it may be available to others when they come here for work of a longer or shorter period. I am thanking you, therefore, for your many kindnesses in favoring us and trust that you will favor us still further in the future, for I certainly hope that you may live long and prosper and be no less "explosive" than you have been before. I can assure you that we shall be glad to see you at any time and make you welcome to such facilities as we have. If you can help in any way to make them greater without undue effort on your part, I shall be very glad. We hope to keep our institution going forward in the march of taxonomic events as much as possible.

With very best regards,

Yours sincerely,



W. A. Setchell
Professor of Botany

Windsor, Colorado.

March 17th 1930

Dear Prof. Jones:

I mailed, by parcel post, a package of plants two or three days ago. I hope it reaches you all right and that the plants will be satisfactory. They were not collected very recently, but I think are good.

Recently I was looking over some plants and found a specimen of yours which I wish you would look at. The label reads

1329 - Flora of Utah

Sueda depressa Ledeb.

Salt Lake City, Aug 25 - 1879.

Britton & Brown's Flora has an illustration of

Sueda (*Dondia*) *depressa* and it is so different from your specimen ^{that} it can not represent it.

If not too much trouble please look at your specimen and see what you now think of it.

Possibly, you have started on your trip to Mexico. Anyway, I hope you may have a good trip, and get a nice lot of plants.

Sincerely,

Geo. E. Osterhout.

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Washington County

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

March 18th, 1930.

Professor Marcus E. Jones, A.M.,
Pomona College, Claremont, California.

Dear Professor Jones:--

Replying to your inquiry regarding the name Virgin as applied to the Rio Virgin in Utah, I have delayed answering in hopes I might definitely locate the source of my information regarding it.

While in California about seven years ago I read a volume, entitled, as I remember, "Splendid Wayfaring". This book gave an account mostly of the explorations of Jedediah Smith. He was a hunter and trapper in Northern Utah, Wyoming and Colorado, and conducted an expedition down through Utah and along down the Rio Virgin and the Colorado, and crossed over into California. He passed up through California into Oregon, but I do not remember all the details of his journeyings. He appeared to be the first white man who travelled down the Rio Virgin, and gave an account of it. In his party was a man by the name of Thomas Virgin; the river was named for this member of the Smith expedition. I am very sure you could find this volume in some of the libraries in California. As I remember the spelling it was as I have given it above, "Virgin". I am sorry I can not refer you to the publishers of the volume; but my son-in-law was at that time attending the University of California at Berkeley, and was majoring in Western History; he had this book at the time I read it, and it was in some way connected with his course of study. I trust you may be able to secure satisfactory information in regard to the name from the volume to which I have referred you.

Yours very truly,

John T. Woodbury
John T. Woodbury.

Bingen, Wn. 22. March 1930.

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My dear Professor Jones:

The two pamphlets I ordered, have just arrived. It is a wonder they reached me, for the package was open on one side and there was no string about it. — I am sorry you say nothing in your letter, in regard to sending me a flower and fruit of a few type specimens of your plants. There would be no loss, because the things would be returned. These small things could be safely sent in a letter, I think.

Yours sincerely
W. N. Saksdorf.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND BACTERIOLOGY

March 26, 1930.

Dr. Philip A. Munz,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Dr. Munz:

I regret very much indeed that my failure to reply to your letter of January 28 immediately upon its receipt caused it to get side-tracked. It has just shown up and I hasten to reply in the hope that it is not yet too late.

As a matter of fact I am not sure that I can be of much service. I know little of what the season has been in west Texas. With us it is very backward and unusually dry. On general principles I should say that the Big Bend country south of Marathon in Brewster County would be the best place to begin. Mr. Palmer found April collections in the mountains disappointing two years ago. The season was much retarded in the higher altitudes.

If Mr. Jones will get in touch with Professor Charles LaMotte at Alpine he can probably get some assistance in the matter of local arrangements. This is Mr. LaMotte's first year at Alpine, but he is a wide awake man and I am sure will be glad to help Mr. Jones.

We shall take care of our exchange obligation to you as soon as possible.

Cordially yours,

BCT/S.

B. C. Sharf

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND BACTERIOLOGY
AUSTIN



Dr. Philip A. Munz,
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