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THE STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY
OF GOLDEN GATE PARK

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
SAN FRANCISCO 18, CALIFORNIA

February 15, 1957

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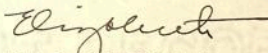
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You may know that Eric Walther is to retire as Director of Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden on September 1st of this year. At this time he will have completed thirty-nine years of service in Golden Gate Park, the last twenty of which were at Strybing Arboretum. During the coming spring, before his retirement, Mr. Walther will take a trip to Europe to look for new plants which can be grown in the Arboretum to supplement those already there.

The Strybing Arboretum Society will honor Mr. Walther at a meeting on March 4th. As part of the program he will be presented with a gold medal in recognition for his work in developing the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

Because of Mr. Walther's contributions to horticulture in California through his work in Strybing Arboretum, we are asking some of his friends to write messages of congratulations to him on his retirement. If you would care to write such a message please send it to me. We will put the letters received into an appropriate binder and present them to him at the meeting on March 4th.

Sincerely yours,


Elizabeth McClintock
President

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Den 2. März, 1937

Sehr geehrter, lieber Herr Walther,

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wünsche ich Ihnen viel

Gluck für die bevorstehenden, etwas ruhigeren Zeiten. Ich werde mich immer dankbar an die Zusammenarbeit erinnern, die Sie mir während meiner Arbeit an Lauraceen geleistet haben, und dasselbe Gefühl habe ich auch im Vorwort zu meiner Dissertation ausgedrückt.

Ihren gemesserten Wunsch für *Atraphaxis billardieri* habe ich Ihnen von Ankara aus erfüllt, und ich bin überzeugt, dass die Samen Sie erreicht haben.

Während der vergangenen zwei Jahren war ich in Jordanien als U.S.O. Experte, was mir ermöglichte, die Vegetation jenes Landes zu studieren. Ich erwarte verschiedene Samen von Jordanien, und ich werde Ihnen gerne einige überlassen, sofern Sie daran interessiert sind.

Letzten Oktober kam ich mit meiner Familie hier in Amerika an. Ich übernahm die Professur an Mills College, die durch den Rücktritt von Hr. McMillan vakant geworden war. Während des letzten Semesters führte ich meine Studentinnen ins Strybing Arboretum. Es war jedoch an einem Feiertag, und ich konnte Sie deshalb nicht finden. Während unseres Aufenthaltes war ich über den Fortschritt erstaunt, der während der vergangenen sechs Jahre im Strybing Arboretum erzielt wurde. Ich gratuliere Ihnen zu Ihren Bemühungen und deren fruchtbaren Ertrag, welche in einer ausgezeichneten Sammlung von Bäumen und Sträuchern, der besten der ganzen Bay Area, gipfeln.

Ich wünsche Ihnen einen fruchtbaren Aufenthalt in Europa, an dessen Ende bestimmt viele neue Spezies ihren Weg ins Strybing Arboretum finden werden.

Mit den besten Grüßen und Wünschen, Ihr

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THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

THE ALEXANDER F. MORRISON PLANETARIUM

THE STEINHART AQUARIUM

September 14, 1957

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Dear Baki:

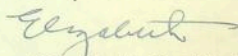
The two enclosures will interest you, I believe.

You will note on the one that Eric Walther has returned. He is now retired, and having been elected a Research Associate of the California Academy of Sciences last spring, he makes his headquarters with us in the Botany Department. He had a very good trip and I thought that you might like to hear him on September 30.

When I saw you at the meetings at Stanford you asked me whether we had in our herbarium any material of Crocus and Colchicum. I looked to see what we had and found about a dozen species from the Mediterranean Region in each of the genera. There was not much material under each species. If you would like to see this material I hope that you will pay us a visit sometime.

With best regards,

sincerely,



Elizabeth McClintock