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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Prof. C. C. Bessey, Pres. of Iowa Acad. Science
Care Prof. S. Calvin.
Iowa University
Iowa City
Iowa

Prof C. L. Parry London. Davenport May 22 1897
and will not be here till middle of May.
So our Academy delegation will not go on to the
meeting Iowa Acad. Sciences. I am very busy just
now packing plants ready to go East. Else I would
run over and see you. I hope it will be in your
way to come down and spend a day or two
with us. If you so conclude drop me a line to
inform me when you can come (i.e. what train)
I have plenty of plants to show you.
I leave for East in two weeks.

Yours truly C. L. Parry

Greenport Iowa Jan 16th 1880

Prof C. E. Beechey

My Dear Sir:

Circumstances
do not seem to favor our meeting. though I have
long wished to make your personal acquaintance.
It will not be practicable for me to attend the
near meeting of Iowa State Horticultural Society at
Des Moines where I suppose you will be. but
Mr J. J. Putnam goes out with his mother & hopes
to meet you there. Has any move ever been made
to establish the office of State Entomologist in this
State as in most of the adjoining states? Should
not something be done in this direction?

You may have some personal views of your own
on this matter. I will merely state that in any of us

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Mr Putnam himself, he is young, zealous, and
has shown no little ability as an original investigator.
If placed in such a position he would spare no
efforts to fill it creditably to himself & for the
benefit of the State; he has already an extensive
correspondence in this country & Europe, and
could command any amount of testimonials
as to his qualifications and special fitness for the
work. Perhaps his greatest fault? would be too
much thoroughness, but this would hardly be a
fault in our eyes - I beg to comment this

Subject to your attention and if not incompatible
with your ideas or plans to lend it your efficient
assistance.

I am now busy with my too long neglected herbarium
there is a large mass of valuable material which
needs arrangement and division, I wish it were
practicable for you to secure a special appropriation
for the College Herbarium, and come on with me
to select some of my surplus, before it is scattered.
I would like that this my adopted State should secure
some of the results of my life long work, and it is
rich enough to pay a reasonable price for what
has cost me labor time & money. If you think
well of this please write me on the subject, and
make such suggestions as you think best.

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I am now contemplating a trip to the
Season in company with Dr Engelmann, with the
special view to study up our Western forests,
and try & settle some disputed points, the only
fear is whether Dr E. at his advanced age (now 71)
can endure the necessary fatigue but his services
in this direction would be invaluable, and especially
opportune at the present time.

Wishing to hear from you at your convenience

I am very truly yours

Chas. C. Parry

Davenport March 1st 1880

Prof C. E. Bessey

Dear Sir:

I have just finished packing your box which will go to Express Office the ~~1st~~ opportunity. I do not think there is any branch of American Express in our town, but I have been hoping for some time that there might be a competing line to reduce charges. In the enclosed bill I specify 500 sh. but they will come fully up to 600. You will understand that, where specimens are scant, I is for lack of material, where sufficient I have tried to make full complete specimens. I have tucked in to fill up the box some loose odds & ends, cones, woods &c &c that may do for the museum. The parcels are of course scattered, but generally the localities come near together.

I expect to get off on my Eastern trip in about 2 weeks & in the mean time have plenty of overhauling to do.

I am in hope you will write up that botanical matter satisfactorily. You will see that Nabnam declines in Riley's favor. I am not quite sure that that is the best thing, but perhaps politic. Hoping to hear that the plants reach you safely & are satisfactory I am
Yours truly C. E. Parry

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FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

Agent.



Prof. C. E. Bessey
State University, Lincoln
Nebraska

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Dear Sir (Liverpool June 29th 1889

In the parcel of plants recently sent
you please make the following changes in the labels
for Ceanothus Palmeri Trelease take Ceanothus Andersonii Parry
" Ceanothus Kelloggii Gray " Ligusticum apicifolium Nutt. & Th.
I have now in the hands of the Botanical Garden
of the University of Liverpool a paper with recommended list of
Ceanothus which will be sent you as soon
as issued.

Yours truly
C. C. Parry