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1962

May 8

Dear Dr. Ray:

I greatly appreciate news of Dr. Poole, Weaver, and the Walkers. All are older than I, and I was retired 8 years ago. I've been able to work however, except for the past few months. Arthritis is keeping me occupied with aches and pains in which no one is interested. Old people must learn to live with their infirmities. During these 8 years I have published 30 technical papers and 2 books, a life-time output for a botanist in his right mind. A few more studies remain to be finished and if I can avoid the rocking chair I shall get them done.

Today I am send to Poitiers the recorded reprint, also a copy of the second plant part. I am grateful to you for the reprint and hope that we will have some our boy scout good seed.

I trust that all goes well with you and the affairs of the Department.

Cordially
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