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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.

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December 27, 1938.

Dr. Carlton R. Ball,
3814 Jocelyn St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

On January 19 next, Miss Alice Eastwood, Curator of Botany in the California Academy of Sciences during the past forty-six years, will celebrate her eightieth birthday.

An appropriate celebration of this occasion is being planned, in recognition of Miss Eastwood's long service to the science of botany, of her historic action in saving the botanical types and the records of the Academy from destruction in the San Francisco disaster of 1906, of her remarkable success in rebuilding the Academy's herbarium and botanical library to their present size and usefulness, and especially of the generous and kindly spirit which has left an indelible stamp on her botanical work, and which has attracted to her so many loyal and admiring friends.

It has occurred to me that a number of Miss Eastwood's friends and co-workers in the botanical sciences might desire to take note of this occasion by sending letters of greeting and felicitation. I am sure that she would be deeply appreciative of a word of greeting from you.

It is our intention that all letters received in this connection be bound into a presentation volume. I should appreciate it accordingly if any letter you care to write might be mailed to me, although the message itself would of course be addressed to Miss Eastwood.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Miller

Robert C. Miller
Director

RCM:MS

Address:

Extension Service, U. S. Dept. Agric.

January 10, 1939

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Curator of Botany,
California Academy of Sciences,
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

My dear Miss Eastwood:

It is with sincere pleasure that I take this opportunity to felicitate you on your eightieth birthday, to congratulate you on your many and worthwhile achievements, and to extend all good wishes for the years that are yet to come.

It is no small accomplishment in itself to have reached a full four score of years. It bespeaks the habitual applying of body and mind in difficult endeavors, long continued. It betokens the consequent possession of buoyancy of spirit and calmness of soul when each day is done. Would that we all might have done as well.

Of your scientific achievements, I probably have only a cursory and imperfect knowledge but they have filled me with admiration. I still remember the thrill I got from contemplating the splendid series of early-season collections of willows you made in the Alaska-Yukon area. Nor have I forgotten that the first arctic collections of *Salix pseudo-monticola* Ball were made by you on the Yukon River many years ago. Likewise I remember one of your willow collections from the Grand Canyon area, which still puzzles me. Some day the puzzle will be resolved.

The numerous and varied activities and accomplishments of these first eight decades doubtless have served to whet the appetite for more. We shall look forward to more fruits of your ripened judgment as you progress through the next decade. With all good wishes for your enjoyment of those years, I am

Cordially and appreciatively yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Executive Secretary

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Aug. 28, 1940.

My dear Dr. Ball:-

I am appealing to you for help and I hope that it is not in vain. Miss Boyd has asked me to write up the botanical aspects of her plant collections on her recent 1938 Expedition to Northern Greenland and vicinity. I have been puzzled by this willow which seems to be *Salix arctica* but differs so in appearance from the species on the Pacific side of North America. The small fragment enclosed is all that can be spared as the ^{collected} ~~specimens~~ sparingly. She tells me that her collectors are ^{not} ~~not~~ (See over.)

the Isle de France is the first made.
I hope that you keep well and happy.
Mr. Bracelin sends her regards to which I add
mine. Yours faithfully

Alice Eastwood

Publications of Dr. C.R. Ball belonging to

Miss Alice Eastwood

Mar. 9, 1942

- ✓ Notes on Willows of Sections Pentandrae and Nigrae
Bot. Gaz. LXXII, No. 4, Oct. 1921
- ✓ Notes on North American Willow ^III and III
Bot. Gaz. 60: July & Nov. 1915
- ✓ Two new varieties of Salix Scouleriana, Journ. Wash. Acad. Feb. 1934
- ✓ New varieties and combinations in Salix " " " Oct. 1938
- ✓ A New variety of the willow Salix glaucophylla " " " Nov. 1939
- ✓ New Varieties of Western Willows Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. Apr. 1935
- ✓ Extensions of Range and a New Variety of Salix Rhodora 26, July 1924
- ✓ Pruinoso Branchlets and Salix Lemmoni Am. Journ. Bot. Feb. 1925
- ✓ Undescribed Willows of the Section Cordatae Bot. Gaz. June 1921
- ✓ The Willows of the Pacific States

New or Little Known West American Willows.

- 1 Notes on West W. 5 will NW coast
- 2 Salix
- 4 Utah, Rocky mnt R. 3 NW 1

My dear Dr. Ball: -

The Academy library has not received any of your separates. I give all of mine to the Academy so it is not necessary to send to the Academy. Mr. Howell has also received them. Above is a list of what we have. If there are any missing will you be so kind as to supply them?

We miss you here and hope that this finds you well and happy. We are doing all for precautions some people are worrying but not any whom I know. What is the sense
Yours faithfully Alice Eastwood

March 17, 1942

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Department of Botany,
California Academy of Science,
Golden Gate Park,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Your letter of March 9 is here and the list of willow publications previously received is noted. My records show that five still earlier publications were sent you, as follows:

1. Notes on Western Willows (Trans. St. Louis Acad. of Science, 1899).
2. The Genus Salix in Iowa (Proc. Iowa Acad. of Science, Vol. 7, 1900).
3. Notes on North American Willows I (Bot. Gaz. 40, 1905).
4. Salix in Coulter & Nelson New Manual of Rocky Mountain Botany, 1909.
5. Salix in Piper & Seattle Flora of the Northwest Coast, 1915.

My supply of these early papers is exhausted, but they are not very valuable now in any case.

I am sending under separate cover reprints which bring the distribution down to date and note that all these are made available to the Academy library.

I am glad that you are not worrying over the war situation, and from what I hear through friends in California the west coast is not worrying. I believe, however, that citizens out there are more truly concerned for our progress in defense than are those in the central part of the country and many of those here in the Nation's Capitol. The trouble here seems to be that so many of

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the people have arrived recently, are so disturbed by their transition and the welter of humanity which is Washington, that they do not have time or inclination to think. Even in normal times, Washington is one of the worst places in the United States to get a perspective on a national problem and war time is worse.

With personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary

Feb. 14, 1947.

My dear Dr. Ball:-

I am sending you some small specimens of willows from the western part of Greenland and adjacent areas. The collection was made by Miss Louise A. Boyd when at the beginning of the last war she was there under the jurisdiction of the United States because of her knowledge of harbors and also the knowledge gained on several previous expeditions which she had herself financed (see over)

I shall be greatly in your debt if you will name them to me. I hope that you keep well as

I do and that your interest is as keen as ever.
With my best regards,

Alice Eastwood

I'll send specimens when I hear from
you.