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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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San Bernardino, Cal—
March 23, 1899,

Dear Sir,—

I have yours of the 18th
regarding specimens of Willows—
It is rather late in the season
here to collect ^{all} these plants in
flower, but some remain. I
shall not be away from home
this spring so that I can collect
only in my immediate neighbor-
hood. Still, these limitations
I will do the best I can for
you, but the number of spec-
imens will not be very large. I
suppose you do not care for
~~more than duplicate sets.~~

I thank you in advance
for the saline papers you
promise me.

Faithfully yours

S. B. Parish

Mr. C. R. Ball—

University of California
Department of Botany,
Berkeley.

December 27, 1922.

Mr. Ball.

Dr. C.V. Piper,
U. S. D. A.
Washington, D.C.

(COPY FROM C. V. PIPER)

Dear Sir:

Mr. Samuel Bonsall Parish, long of San Bernardino, California, correspondent of Asa Gray, Parry, Engelmann, and many other botanists, explorer and writer on the botany of southern California, at present Honorary Curator of the Herbarium of the University of California, at Berkeley, hopes to complete his eight-fifth year on January 13, 1923. It seems desirable to signalize this birthday of Mr. Parish and it has suggested itself as fitting that each one of his friends write a few words of congratulation and forward to the undersigned, who will undertake to collect them in such form as is suitable and present them to Mr. Parish on his birthday.

Will you and your colleagues (for I am sending only to one at each institution), if you feel so inclined, co-operate? It suggests itself that sheets or half-sheets of ordinary typewriter size be used for the letters and that they be folded in as little as possible.

Very respectfully yours,
W. A. Satchell



January 5, 1923.

Mr. Samuel Bonsall Parish,
Department of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Parish:

If one who never has had the pleasure of knowing you personally may be allowed to congratulate you on reaching the eighty-fifth anniversary of your birth, I am delighted to offer my congratulations on this happy occasion, and to wish you still many more happy and prosperous returns of the anniversary.

I long have had high admiration for your industry, fidelity, and observing power as a collector in the very diverse and ecologically important botanical field of southern California, in the exploring of which you have had so long and so important a part. In the wealth of your material and the fullness of your notes, you have set high standards for botanists. As advancing years compel you to give up active field service, you may rest happy and content in the abundant fruitage of your labors.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CRB:SS

C. R. Ball,
Cerealist in Charge.

Mr. Ball.

January 15, 1923.

Dr. C. V. Piper,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Piper:-

It is not of frequent occurrence that a department of Botany has two octogenarians, still actively working. This, however, is the case with the Department of Botany of the University of California. On January the thirteenth, Mr. S. B. Parish celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday and there was presented to him an album containing letters of felicitation from somewhat over fifty of his botanical friends and admirers. On February the sixteenth, Mr. Townsend Stith Brandegee will reach his eightieth birthday. Mr. Brandegee, although unfortunately isolated from more intimate association on account of extreme deafness, is still able to come regularly to the Herbarium and work on the collections of Mexican plants made by Dr. C. A. Purpus. We propose to present Mr. Brandegee with an album of birthday letters similar to that presented to Mr. Parish. Will you please, if you feel so inclined, write Mr. Brandegee a birthday letter (preferably on this size paper and unfolded if possible) to assist in cheering a lonely old man on his birthday? The letters may be sent to the undersigned, who will arrange to collect them and provide a suitable album. Will you also extend this invitation to other friends of Mr. Brandegee in your neighborhood, since I am writing to only one or two in each neighborhood?

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) W. A. SETCHELL.

1624 SCENIC AVENUE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

January 16, 1923

Dear Mr. Ball,

It is indeed kind in you
whom I have never had the pleasure of
knowing personally, to add your congrat-
ulations on the attainment of my 85th
birthday, and I appreciate it highly.

It will be a pleasure to me if
there shall yet remain to me time and
opportunity of meeting you and
becoming personally acquainted. Mean-
while I remain,

Faithfully yours,

L. B. Parish

Mr. Carlton R. Ball,
Department of Agriculture



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