



## Annual Report 1895-1896

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY:

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following report on the progress and condition of the Arnold Arboretum during the year ending July 31st, 1896:

The usual courses of instruction have been given during the year by [Mr. J. G. Jack](#), with an average attendance of thirty-seven at the autumn lectures, and twenty-seven at the spring lectures. During the year 2,500 feet of roadside plantations have been made; and this work is now practically completed along all the finished roads. A number of grass-covered paths have been cut through the natural woods in order to open them freely to the public and facilitate their use and enjoyment. The plants in the different collections have made satisfactory growth during the year and are now generally in good condition.

The interchange of plants and seeds with other horticultural and botanical establishments has been continued during the year. There have been 8,035 plants (including grafts and cuttings) and 477 packets of seeds distributed as follows: To the United States and Canada, 6,237 plants and 284 packets of seeds; to Great Britain, 1,720 plants and 51 packets of seeds; to the continent of Europe, 78 plants and 75 packets of seeds; to Australia, 1 packet of seeds; to Japan, 63 packets of seeds; to the East Indies, 3 packets of seeds. There have been received during the year 3,671 plants (including cuttings and grafts), and 115 packets of seeds. During the year large collections of rare species have been sent to the new Botanic Garden of the City of New York, the Botanic Garden of St. Louis, the Royal Gardens at Kew, England, the Botanic Gardens of Harvard University, Smith College, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Minnesota, and to many of the principal commercial establishments of the United States and Europe.

There have been added to the Herbarium 3,309 sheets of dried plants during the year. This is the largest addition which has been made to the Herbarium in one year; it includes a nearly complete set of the woody plants of New Zealand, acquired by purchase from Mr. Thomas Kirk, late Conservator of the New Zealand forests, 253 Australian plants presented by Mr. J. H. Maiden, Pringle's Mexican plants, Armenian plants presented by Max Leichtlin of

Baden-Baden, Heller's Hawaiian plants, and several large United States and Canadian collections, including over 200 species presented by the Herbarium of the National Museum.

The library has received by gift 319 bound volumes and 258 pamphlets.

During the year the eighth and ninth volumes of *The Silva of North America*, with 140 plates, and 52 numbers of *Garden and Forest*, have been published.

C. S. SARGENT, Director.