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Humphill

Oakland Cal Dec 17:77

Dear Sir

I recently returned home from a long trip through the Great Central Basin where I have been collecting the Land & Freshwater shells since June 1st & I find yours of June 22nd announcing the sad death of our good friend Dr. P. P. Carpenter. It is indeed sad, & will be greatly felt by all students of Conchology, & especially by those interested in our West Coast species. My correspondence with him, commenced about three years ago, and has been, of the most pleasant, agreeable & instructive character, & I very deeply regret his sudden death. Please convey

to Mrs Carpenter my heart felt-
sympathy for her great loss, &
my best wishes for her future
happiness & prosperity.

I enclose a bill signed & I
for shells furnished Dr. Carpenter
since the last payment. I make
it out against the University
as I did the previous bills.

Please hand the amt to Mrs
Carpenter as a Christmas offering
from one who has had double
its value in information & friendly
intercourse with her good husband.

In the rocky canyons of the
Wassatch mts I was fortunate
to find a most remarkable series
of Land Shells, completely uniting
by the closest links what has hereto-
fore been considered five good
& distinct species. viz *Helix strigosa*
Helix Cooperi, *Helix Idahoensis*

Helix Hemphilli. & *Helix Haydeni*
These with alcoholic specimens
I have placed in Mr Binneys
hands to work up. & he writes
me, "your Utah suite is by far
the most interesting I ever studied
& the most instructive." As soon
as I have his final report
I will issue catalogue and
commence to distribute, & will
notify you in due time.

Very truly Yours
Henry Hemphill

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McGill University
to Henry Hemphill Dr.
To California Shells as per order
Dr P. P. Carpenter — \$10,00

Rec^d Payment
Henry Hemphill