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The Eighty-Year Index is dedicated to all the volunteers who have through the years contributed their time and energy in service to the California Botanical Society.

Finale:

Helen Sharsmith, quoting from a 3 February 1910 entry from the unpublished field notebook of Willis Linn Jepson (Vol. 15:8): “I am just receiving the first reviews of my Flora of California, Pts. 1 and 2. The critics mostly or even entirely confine themselves to verbal slips, not touching general principles. It is, to be sure, disconcerting enough to have such errors, but after all the main thing is this: ‘Has the book got matter in it? Has it got stuff in it? Is it meaty? Not is it *faultless*. A faultless book is impossible. It is inevitable in the nature of the human mind that such slips will be made, mistakes and blunders. But is the job a big one, is it really worthwhile? So satisfied am I in the affirmative that it is a big task, to be done in a big way, without too much considering the danger of possible minor errors, that I go on, to finish up my job, just as other big jobs have been finished aforetime.”