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the Huntington Botanical Garden which had been under development for some years but officially became a botanic garden and was opened to the public in 1928, and the California Botanic Garden which was described by Dr E. D. Merrill on 7 May 1927 as follows:

The recently organized California Botanical Garden at Los Angeles stands today heavily endowed in land, and with a future potential heavy endowment in funds as a part of the land area is converted. Briefly, a group of public spirited citizens have pooled their interests in 3200 acres of land, and turned the entire property over on deed of trust to the Metropolitan Trust Company acting for the Garden Foundation Incorporated. To carry on the development work needed on the entire tract, a bond issue of \$2,500,000.00 has been placed on the property. This bond issue and certain other incumbrances on the land are to be met from the profits accruing from the sale of land surrounding the garden site. Under the deed of trust all profits, after the obligations mentioned above are met, must be turned over to the Garden Foundation Incorporated to form the endowment of the California Botanical Garden. The Garden Foundation Incorporated is a non-profit non-stock corporation organized under the laws of California for certain charitable, educational, and scientific purposes.

The site is within the city limits of Los Angeles, near Santa Monica, and is about three miles from the new site of the University of California at Los Angeles. It extends from Beverly Boulevard on the South to and beyond Mulholland Drive on the North, and includes all of Mandeville Canyon and its delimiting ridges. Approximately 800 acres will form the garden, and this area will be unalienable. The garden acreage occupies all of Mandeville Canyon, and is to be surrounded by the delimiting Garden Boulevard. The lands outside of the Garden Boulevard are to be subdivided and sold for residential purposes.

As funds become available it is planned to develop the garden, starting on the basis of the native vegetation now existing in Mandeville Canyon, construct the necessary buildings, establish a library, herbarium, museum, and build and equip research laboratories, adding to the technical staff from time to time; in brief, to establish a comprehensive plant research institution on the broadest possible basis. All development in the immediate future must of course be a charge against the bond issue.

After mature consideration I have accepted appointment as Director of the California Botanical Garden, effective June 1, 1927, on the basis of partial leave of absence from the University of California, to organize the institution and to attempt to direct its proper development. This appointment involves a very heavy program for the year, for which no additional remuneration is received. I will still hold my position as Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of California, at Berkeley, on part-time basis, my remaining time being devoted to the new Botanical Garden. I am convinced that in this recently organized institution there is the nucleus of a highly endowed research institution that will, in due time, contribute materially to our knowledge of plants and plant life.

It is hoped that the California Botanical Garden may receive the cooperation

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and support of all similar institutions, for in its objectives, although it is as yet in the formative stage, it will fill a long felt need on the Pacific Coast of North America. (Mimeographed copy of a form letter signed by Merrill, DUD).

The scheme collapsed following the stock market crash in 1929 and The California Botanical Garden never became a reality.

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