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Biography
Peirce earned his B.S. at Harvard in 1890 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Leipzig, 1894. He taught at Indiana University before coming to Stanford University in 1897 as assistant professor of botany. He was appointed professor in 1910 and served as executive head of the department from 1925 until his retirement in 1933. He was the author of three textbooks on plant physiology and coauthor with three other Stanford faculty of a textbook in general biology. He was active in the civic life of Palo Alto and involved in conservation issues.

Scope and Content
Peirce's papers are primarily incoming and outgoing correspondence pertaining to his professional interests (research, publications, teaching positions) and his administrative duties at Stanford. Correspondents include Daniel T. MacDougal, William Austin Cannon, Charles R. Barnes, John M. Coulter, William F. Ganong, and Raymond H. Pond. Also of note is correspondence with the Forest Service regarding Peirce's study of the effects from smelter fumes, 1910; and correspondence with Wesley H. Beach, Lyman V. W. Brown, and A. W. Malby pertaining to various legal cases regarding plant damage from cement dust. His Stanford correspondence includes letters from David Starr Jordan; letters from LeRoy Abrams, with a report on the Dudley Herbarium; and Peirce's letters to J. C. Branner (1910-1915) discussing theft of departmental microscopes, with reports on the work of the botany department.

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