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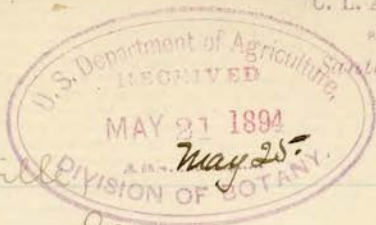
Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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Mr. F. V. Coville

Dear Sir

Several years ago I began the preparation of a manual of the marine Algae of California and adjacent coasts. After working on it for a long time collecting and studying our marine flora I have the manual fairly done, excepting revisions that can be readily done in a short time. I have been aided in the books of reference by the Cal. Acad. Sciences, and also have had the promise of financial aid in publishing. Lately however ^{among the officials} owing to quarrels and financial embarrassments the Board of Directors decline to do anything about its publication at present. This leads me to look somewhere else for some assistance to bring the work out in good shape. So I venture

to ask you for some advice inasmuch
as you are doubtless situated so as to
tell me what might be done.

The manuscript and illustrations would
make a volume of about ^{200 or} 300 pages. If
you will please look at a copy of Dr. Farlow's
Marine Algæ of New England pub^d. 1881 by
Fish Commission at Gov^t. printing office, you
will see a work in style, size, and
plan very similar to what I propose
to have published. In fact it is intended
to serve as a counterpart for the Pacific
Coast what Dr. F.'s manual serves for
N.E. Coast. Of course the manuscript
and plan may be submitted to a
Committee provided there is some prospect
of the publication by the Sec. of Agriculture
or some other branch of the Government.

There seems to be much demand for
a work of this kind on our Coast, &
I am often urged to publish a manual.

But I cannot do so at my own expense, although I am quite sure the sales would amount to considerable.

Would you kindly state to me whether you think such a work would be un-
taken, and if so on what terms; and
advise me what would be the proper
course for me to pursue in getting
it before the proper persons. I can
refer you to some of my friends that
I know and have met in Washington
connected with the National Museum in
various Departments. Dr. Cooper, Dr.
Steiner (molecules) Fred. W. Lucas, Lester
Ward &c.

Hoping that I may not trouble you
too much I would be glad to have
you answer my inquiries.

Yours Very Truly
C. L. Anderson