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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.

and these are ordinary days in which they had some of my thoughts -
 It was well long before I could realize the heat. - And now, I can only say:
 "God cannot but act right & wisely & kindly. They are taken I shall not,
 from evil to come: - They were lonely in their lives, & in their deaths are not
 divided... They will be done." But I never expect to have ^{them} place sacrificed,

Hyde. Sep. 21. 1851.

My dear sister!

Your letter was very welcome to me; as it was long since I had heard from or
 indeed of you: & only guessed that you were still in Cornwall, knowing that so
 distant a journey, admitted & required a long time. - I am very glad too to
 learn that you are all somewhat better for this excursion: & some materially
 benefited by it. & especially that of dear Henry is again convalesced, &
 able to return to Cheam. - I have been most completely stationary here since
 the early part of January; not having, but twice, been 3 miles from my
 residence, the whole of this period, & then not a few miles in this island:
 so that I am certainly not one of the non-sedentary, any more than of
 the Phralists: which is something to say in these days. Had you heard
 of my brother I should have paid you a visit: in which ^{about} ~~the~~ ^{the}
 I am going, Dr. into Lincolnshire; for some weeks, partly to see Mrs.
 Margaret; partly, for a season of rest & quiet. I certainly do propose
 coming to see you; but I am rather inclined to defer this till my
 return; - However, I suppose you will be able & willing to take me
 in for a few days at any time previous to this...

You wish for some particulars respecting dear brother & his wife.
 There is a painful pleasure, so to speak, in writing of them - And
 I could send you such as have reached me: & may not have reached you
 at least, not thro: channel as authentic, as have communicated
 them to me. First, you will be glad to learn that both the ladies
 have been recovered: Mrs. Posters was outstripped in, or under the week:
 being discovered & some part of his union being torn off with her writing,

ADP

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Miss Anne Ken

Winton Park

Reton

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I have long, & ungenerally, a great deal of good words in; the best
 who has with my family & all. - There is no more to be said
 than my own & will be said, & that I am obliged, to offer, & offer
 them to the world.

For similarity of feeling & pursuits had united as very closely -
 I have made a sad servant of this - but if I do not write, I shall
 a leisure half hour, my letters like yours, are postponed some days -
 and my time is pretty close occupied. - Poor Johnson! so long as
 death is changing their scene & dis-obscuring past connections & friendships.
 What a heavy weight their world will be without the prospect of another -
 He might have done better with his money; than leave it to our over-rich college.

