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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

from Robinson

Gray Herbarium



Harvard University

B. L. ROBINSON, Curator

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Nov. 13, 1924.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanic Garden,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg,-

Many thanks for your kind favor of the 11th. I will see that the desired corrections are entered upon the page proof of the Penikese article.

As to the nomenclatorial compromises, I regret that I cannot be very optimistic. The very fact that the majority of botanists at the International Congress in Vienna reached very definite and harmonious conclusions, but that the minority felt in no way bound by the wishes of the majority of their colleagues, does not encourage us to suppose that further concessions to the wishes of this minority would be very helpful. There are still many Americans who would so seriously resent any failure to get their pet measures recognized that they would show no greater readiness to follow any compromise measure than they did after the Vienna Congress had so carefully threshed over this whole subject.

The differences of point of view are not those which can be talked out of the way. There is a group who look at the matter in a practical way, desiring to avoid drastic change in plant nomenclature and therefore giving some measure of recognition to usage; on the other hand, there is the wholly uncompromising spirit who frankly states that he regards any list of conserved names, no matter how important, as not merely unprofitable, but immoral. These two ideals,- on the one side practicality and

efficiency; on the other side, a theoretical adjustment of names on the basis of some rather arbitrarily chosen rules, are fundamentally so different that compromise between them is scarcely thinkable.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Robinson.

BLR/FG

O doux printemps d'autrefois
Vertes saisons, vous avez fui
pour toujours
Je ne vois plus le ciel bleu
Je n'entends plus les chants joyeux
Des oiseaux
En emportant mon bonheur
O bien-aimé tu t'en es allé
Et c'est en vain que revient
Le printemps
Oui, sans retour avec toi le
gai soleil
Les jours riants sont partis
Comme en mon cœur tout est
sombre et glacé
Tout est fleuri, Pour toujours

Gray Herbarium



Harvard University

B. L. ROBINSON, Curator

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.
Feb. 17, 1928.

Mr. J. M. FOGG, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

We are sending in continuation of exchange between
the Gray Herbarium and the University of Pennsylvania specimens
on the appended list.

Kennedy Herbarium	72
Weatherby, Plants of Grand Manan	12 ✓
Miscellaneous pl. of N. E.	45
Wright, Plants of Connecticut	42 ✓
Suksdorf, " " N. H.	5 ✓
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Sincerely yours,

B. L. Robinson

O.K.
J.W.D. Feb. 22, 1928

Gray Herbarium



Harvard University

B. L. ROBINSON, Curator
Asa Gray Prof. Syst. Bot.
M. L. FERNALD,
Fisher Prof. Nat. Hist. (Bot.)
CHARLES A. WEATHERBY, Assistant
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

May 30, 1928

List of specimens sent to the University of Pennsylvania,
in exchange

Moore Herbarium, plants of the eastern U. S., mounted	1086
Miscellaneous plants of the U. S.	105
Plants of eastern Canada	13

	1204

Gray Herbarium



Harvard University

B. L. ROBINSON, Curator

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

Dec. 13, 1929.

Dr. John M. Fogg,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Fogg:

I notice that the Sigma Xi Quarterly is still coming here for you. I am forwarding to you the number which has just arrived.

I wonder whether you cannot somehow get at the person responsible for the mailing list of this journal and get him to correct your address? I always feel that it is a sort of duty to our country not to put the Post Office to needless trouble or expense. However, I understand perfectly that mailing lists are now managed quite indirectly, often by some commercial company, and it is almost as hard to get a correction made as to stop one's subscription to some university publication which one does not want.

With kind regards and the hope that you may have pleasant holidays, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. L. Robinson

BLR/FMG

from Fogg

December 17, 1929.

Dr. B.L. Robinson, Curator,
Gray Herbarium,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of December 13th and for your kindness in forwarding my copy of the Sigma Xi Quarterly. I am glad to know that this publication is still being mailed to Cambridge but very sorry that it should continue to be a source of annoyance to anyone there.

I shall make a last and desperate effort to get the idea across here that it is two years now since my address was Gray Herbarium. They never make any mistake in seeing that I receive my bill for annual dues, so if I keep drumming away perhaps I may succeed in convincing them that I am really not in two places at the same time. I suspect that, as you suggest, their mailing list is handled by indirect and well-nigh unassailable methods.

I am grateful for having this matter called to my attention.

With best regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,