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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.

Portland, Or. Mar 24th

Dear Marc:-

Yours about Price's visit came duly, but has lain unanswered until now, due mostly to lack of time.

I have taken on a half-dead and mostly discouraged church here in Portland since Feb 1st & the double work has left me with very little time for anything else.

Am glad you had a chance to get acquainted with Price. He has a fine spirit, & does good work. He is still thinking & learning & growing, but has not turned radical or foolish.

Am glad he did not go there, as his work is only well begun here, & it would have been a calamity to this field to have lost him. I urged him to stay. However, he would have been very sympathetic for you if he had gone, & am sorry to have you lose him.

We are all well here just now, and the children busy in school. Sister is teaching in our Dental college at large wages, half his time, & picking up some few cases now & then, & studying the cases & going in the U. S. steamship.

He has found an apparently fine girl - a P.U. student who stays at our house - & expects to get married this summer.

The girl is only 2nd year college, and should finish, before marrying, but Lester is in a hurry, & don't want to wait. He will discover his mistake later, but you can't reason people who are infatuated into any sense. She is a fine christian girl, however, & that may prove sufficient.

This marrying business is not as simple as it used to be. Women are stronger minded, better educated and more independent now, and settle down to the restrictions of home life less easily. In your case, unless you should find one greatly desiring a home, & decidedly domestic tastes & not too young, there would likely be friction & little joy. But the right sort might prove a help.

I am too absorbed as yet in developing the children to think much about it tho if I knew certainly someone who would be as absorbed as I, in seeing young girls grow, & desire to help them as much, I would not hesitate long.

But where are there any such? Margaret seems to be doing well in her new home, & is better in health than for some time.

Keep us posted about yourself, after Benton.

Betty + Calvert Morland
2141 Rose St., Berkeley - Sept 27

Monday morning

Dear Marcus;

no I don't approve of writing letters in pencil,
but here I am waiting for my husband & without
pen so here goes. I might as well warn you
now that this letter is going to be one of reprimanding.
I'm just afraid that no one down there checks you
up & you really do need an annual cleaning out.

First my last name ends in -Morland.
You generally leave it off & I think it's a pretty
name & I want it all there. Now about the
herbarium - Your typing now is nearly as
bad as your handwriting. I think you need a
new ribbon - anyway I've been filing your last
year's material & it means taking time out to
decipher your words & when I'm expected to put
away 1000 sheets per min. I can't have little
problems like that. Also will you tell me
where you got the name Setaria decumbens.
Where the author etc.? I can't file it until
I'm sure there is such a name & it is valid.

Also I don't approve of your writing with fountain
pen on the herbarium paper - It looks terrible;
especially when you write Arctostaphylos instead
of Vaccinium. Well I could go on but I
just suggest a little more care & neatness. You
see my husband being perfect I have to blame
someone and you're the best subject, the
giving the poorest results.

We enjoyed your last letter a lot &

1912
We're glad to hear of your plans, especially of the
home cleaning episode. You don't eat from
the minute I heard it I that you should have
it for your repertoire.

You remember we stayed at Dr. Beahm's place this
summer. Well his daughter Betty Beahm is
a freshman at Pomona. She wants to meet you
and I make this a letter of introduction. She
giggles not unexpectedly, & I've given her permission
to laze at you as well as with you. She
does oil painting & I'm sure would like to see
your colored photographs (not of yourself). By the
way Mrs. Beahm showed me the one you sent
her & you were truly handsome at 60. Also Mrs. B.
gave me permission to haul you out.

Well to get back to Betty Beahm - she's an
interesting girl & wants to meet you - of course
I spoke most favorably of you to her. She
says just what she thinks & I know you like
that.

We've been attending Botany Seminars this year
& everyone has been interesting. A week ago we
went to the top of Mt. Tamalpais & then down the
Fire trail to Muir Woods. Calvert collected some
mosses & all in all it was a delightful trip.

Say hello to Tom for me - tell him "Bat-eye"
sends regards.

We may be down at Xmas time but probably not,
but if you don't show signs of improvement by
then I'll have to resort to drastic measures. How
about a clean shirt tomorrow.

So long & best wishes from
Calvert & Betty

truly yours

Willie Chan.

380 Edgely St - San Francisco

Pomona College
Claremont, Calif.

Mr. W. B. Jones:

Pomona College Biological
Society invites you to speak to them
Tues. mite Feb. 3 on any branch of
your subject and its connection with
the last trip to Lower California. There
are five speakers and each one has
been asked to limit his talk to
fifteen minutes.

The meeting is open to all and
will be held in Crockerham Hall.

Michael Pitt president.

Wednesday P.M.

Mr. Jones, pretty soon I'm not going to come over to see you ever again. I've been over here three times now and you haven't been here at all. I believe you've quit working entirely! You're supposed to loaf a little bit, but not all the time!

Going to Mexico? - and when? Tell them to hurry up before the plants all pass on to some other state of matter. If they don't speed up a bit that's what will happen.

Don't work too hard!

Vesta.

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Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

We want to hear you talk. Can't you
bring this ~~article~~ discussion to a close?

Don't talk more than 3 hrs.

- Betty

Mr. Jones:—

I am presenting
this gift as a token of our
affection and gratitude, we
hope that your face may
long be as bright, through
good fortune, and reflect
as holy & a light, as its
face; that its hands may
prove as useful, and its
works as good in your be-
half as yours have been
toward us; and that, as
you examine this, hour
gift, with great minute-
ness, and scrutiny, the
smaller dial you may
not be led by so doing
to take your ideas of
that nature in which
you delight, at second-
hand. Finally, rest as-
sured that unless we had
believed that some gift
could be secured which

would be both insignificant
and suitable for you
we would not have
got - any.

Trillemund;
for
The Society.

Shakespeare Club
230 South Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, California

My Dear Mr. Jones-- I am writing to invite you to come to our cactus and succulent show at the above club where I am chairman of the garden Department. Come early in the afternoon and be our guest at a supper we are having at Six O'clock.

In the evening afterward we are just visiting and you will be surrounded with people asking you questions. We have promised that there would be people present at all times to give information.

A man who holds in his memory such nuggets as you have stored away must consider that he belongs to all those that are still ignorant and especially if they are anxious to learn. I would like more articles on most anything you want to write about except Brandegee whom I had promised to a friend.

We would like an article on the cactus of Nevada. No one in that state seems to know any of them.

Also an article as you wrote before, about some old-timer of Engelmann's time, also about preparing plants such as you gave when we were over there. I took notes and if you prefer I'll work on them and send them over for approval.

Have you worked with Duddleyas at all?

Ellen Rookaby
ex.