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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.



Clearwater Harbor, Florida
Jan 24th 1893

My dear Dr Coville

Your letter of the 15th inst. forwarded from Rockford is just at hand. I fully intended to stay at home this winter but the inclement weather of December so aggravated a bronchial difficulty with which I have been afflicted for the last six or seven years that my wife and the family physician (whose combined word is as the laws of the Medes & Persians) decreed that I must go to Southern Florida without delay. My period of exile to last until May 1st. What can I

do? Will May be time enough
for my report? I would have
no difficulty perhaps in snapping
naming species but if the
collection should afford (as it is
quite likely, to) some new aberrant
forms I should want all the
herbarium material I possess
for comparison therewith before
venturing to pronounce an
opinion - to say nothing of books
and low power microscope - I
would really like to work up the
collection and will promise
D.V. to do so promptly upon
my return home -

My wife writes me that the
package of specimens has been
received -

Yours cordially
W. S. Webb