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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.

Monmouth

Monday

Dec 27 1872

My dear Manning

In a few days you
ought to receive a copy of the
new Edition of the 'Useful Plants',
which I have told Allen & Co
to send you. I shall look
forward to your criticisms.
& hope you will like the new
arrangement & additional
matter incorporated therein.
I have sent W. Birdwood a
copy because he has been
good in lending me books
from the Museum library.

I shall hope some day to
make his acquaintance.

Alfred writes me that he is
in London for three weeks. But
I can't come up just now.
as I have no fair excuse.

You have not made good
your half promise to write
occasionally and give me
Metropolitan news. We
have here had nothing
but floods & fairs for
the past month. Happily
our house is high and dry.
but some poor friends have
been isolated and only

been able to communicate
with the town by boats. Boys
were not able to get to school
and I therefore thought it
capital fun being surrounded
by water for a few days.

One requires to be well-ported
for six months in the year
to live in such a watery
district.

We are all thriving happily.

We have heard of Douglas
having reached Calcutta.
A letter was 'spoken' last
month off S. American Coast.
So Lord Harris gone!

And let an old man by
any means.

And now here comes Perry
with her - Hic. Hae. Hec. so
good bye. & With our united
Kind regards to Mrs Manning
& Larry.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Peter Drury

Heard from Brown the other
day. Fancy Jones buying the
Vailey property for \$17,000!
How he must have plundered
Brown when he was his
butler!