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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.

Dec. 14th - 1892

BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),
CROMWELL ROAD,
LONDON: S.W.

My dear Macalister

If you have not
done so already, you will
now receive an official
letter from Mr. Peck, the
Secretary of the Anthropological
Institute, conveying from the
wishes of the Council, that
you will accept the Presidency
of the Institute in January next.

I very much hope Darwin
will not decline. It is most
important that the anatomical
side of the subject should be
occasionally brought into prominence,
and also that the President should
be a man of such high scientific
standing as yourself.

His duties are by no means
onerous. Cambridge men
(as the Rural Society shows) are
almost Landowners, and Tyler
has done his work for Oxford

with satisfaction. Beck is
an energetic & admirable
secretary, & all that would be
required of you, would be an
occasional attendance at the
Council & evening meetings -
When you can not come there are
always Vice Presidents ready to
take the chair.

There are many reasons why
your acceptance of the office at
the present time, will be most
important to the interests of the

buth, as you need not so
 as long a year if you do
 not like, although the general
 custom buth is to need
 hold it for two consecutive
 years

spreading? =
 making the bulbs
 i.e. the first year into
 "seedling" (young plants)
 (not to be)

Believe me

Yours very truly

W. H. Flower