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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.

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Principal
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21st December, 1875

My dear Professor Balfour,

The meeting of Deans' Committee was fixed on Saturday last, at the Senatus Meeting, to be held today because the matter was urgent - namely the preparation of a schedule for a return required by Government.

It was a matter that
could be easily settled
by the Secretary & myself.

Twelve noon is inconvenient
to me, as it is to you.

But Fraser, Wilson, &
the Dean of Theology could
not have attended in

the afternoon.

Yours very truly

A. Grant.