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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.

Cambridge. U. S. Aug. 16.^r 1853

My Dear Sir

I am a sad correspondent
not to have acknowledged your
very kind letter last May - ap-
prizing me of your return to
England. By some oversight
it got out of my way until I
thought it too late to write you
at Montreal, and I did not
know where a line would find you
in England. That I learned
afterwards, however, from your
excellent brother, whose acquain-
tance I was well pleased to make.

I hope even I may see him
again, and be able to show him some
attention. He was to have been
at the Scientific Meeting at
Oleland, but I know not
whether he brought it about, - not

Having met Prof. Curtis & Prof.
Pierce since their return.

Mr. McLagan arrived here on our
~~Commencement~~^{Class} day; but we
missed each other unfortunately,
and did not meet until the day
after.

I trust he is having
a good time, and does not
find it very much warmer than
in India.

I much regret, on my own
account, that you should return to
England before I had an opportu-
nity to make your personal acquain-
tance, and to thank you for your
interesting correspondence. But
you will see, or have seen or
good friend Mr. Carey - whose
business address (Manfred Court,
London) you must know. I
miss him very greatly; and shall
still miss him when I come next to

work on U. S. Plants. For I am
now very hard at work on South
Sea Botany - the Wilkes Exploring
Exped. collections.

Thanks for the specimens of
Azinga, which I remember Dr.
May formerly received from Montreal.

It seems just *A. reptans*, except
in wanting runners.

Pray make my best regards
to your brother should you
see him before I do. and

Believe me to remain

Ever, my Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Asa Gray

Shall you still keep up an interest
in North American Botany so that
any little publications have used instant
you?