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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.

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My dear Lady Hooker

You will at last receive
the pence by Mr. Henslow;
I have made 14 y^d allowing
one over the quantity you
ordered for turning the
corners, but if it should
not prove sufficient, pray
let me know, and I shall
have much pleasure in
sending you more when
Larry goes to New. I have
been very sorry her visit
has been so unavoidably
short.

postponed. but I trust now
nothing will. I haven't her
According to your arrangements
for June with regard to
myself, dear Lady Hester,
I can with truth say how
much I long to see you
again, but I must not think
of such a pleasure at
present. I am by no means
what I was in Acton perhaps,
and till I can get to the
sea. & be once more recruited
by its never failing effects
upon me, I feel that home
is the only place I am fit

for so that my much longed
for visit & news must again
be postponed till
the end of the summer.
You have more than once
kindly intimated a wish
to see Louisa at some
period; if you would
like she should accompany
Larry, I will make no
objection but perhaps
it may suit you better
to see her with me later.
My arrangements that
may be most agreeable
& you will be equally so to us.

I hope you will do me the
favor to accept of a small one
Mr. Henslow with conacy &
you. You will soon perceive
that it was not written for
your reading, but you may
like to give it to some little
nephew or niece. I wrote it
a few years ago for the use
of my own children, and before
there were quite so many
publications of the kind as
there are now. - My kind love
& Miss Hooker, & with best
regards to Sir William,

Believe me,

affectionately yrs

J. Henslow