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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.

Glasgow.

Sept. 27. 1830.

My dear Professor

I hope you have not altogether forgotten the short visit you kindly made to me in Glasgow. You were then good enough to express a hope that you might see me in Berlin. That to me, agreeable period, is however, not yet arrived: but that this time, one of my friends & pupils, the bearer of this letter, Mr. Nimmo, is about to prosecute his medical studies at your celebrated University. His late Father was one of our most eminent Physicians & it is hoped the son will pursue the same career of usefulness & eminence. Allow me to make him personally known to you, & to beg of you to assist him in his studies by your advice, & to

pay him any of those little attentions
which are so valuable to a stranger
& a foreigner.

I do not yet disdain myself of
one day paying a visit to your famous
city where the Sciences are so much
encouraged, & where there are so many
eminent men devoted to my favourite
pursuit.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir,
Your faithful & obedient
humble Servant

J. J. Hooker.