



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
5th Floor, Hunt Library
Carnegie Mellon University
4909 Frew Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890
Contact: Archives
Telephone: 412-268-2434
Email: huntinst@andrew.cmu.edu
Web site: www.huntbotanical.org

The Hunt Institute is committed to making its collections accessible for research. We are pleased to offer this digitized version of an item from our Archives.

Usage guidelines

We have provided this low-resolution, digitized version for research purposes. To inquire about publishing any images from this item, please contact the Institute.

About the Institute

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.

Sir W. J. Hooker b-1785. d-1865

Royal Botanic Gardens, Leeds.

June 6. 1846.

My dear Sir

A most unworthy member
indeed I am of the Antiquarian
Society: - & a still more unwor-
thy member should I make
of the Brit. Archaeol. Association,
inasmuch as I have no knowl-
edge whatever to impart & no
space could I contribute to its
funds. My Lecture in Leeds
inspired me indeed with a suf-
ficient love of Antiquities to
induce me to become a sub-
scriber to your Transactions
& to make me heartily wish
well to your Society, which I
think cannot fail to do great
good in the country. If
good wishes then can be of service
to ~~the~~ Members I would wil-
lingly become one: - for I have
literally nothing else to offer: no
hope even of being able to better

your Congress was one of the most
interesting of all lectures, contributing
more than any other occasion:
- for my whole time & energies,
& fortune, such as it is, are
devoted to my favorite pursuit,
with Botany, & the cultivation of
the Botanic Garden.

Mr. Dawson Lewis was
with me one very last week &
will be here again to-morrow.
He is as full of research in your
favorite department as ever.

Very truly, dear Sir,
& faithfully Yours,

W. J. Hooker