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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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Sir. William J. Hooker.

June 21.

My dear Mr. Christy

On Saturday we have
a little business to attend
to, but we shall be quite
free by eleven & most happy
to see you & your
Cuban friends. The
Rhododendrons will be
stee in their glory, &
they are really worth
your seeing.

The Admiralty people
are at their wit's end as
to get new timber, &

one now instituting
enquiries about the Parks
in Japan & N. China, &
have begged me to give
them the use of our Col:
lector and there: - they
paying all expenses &
giving us all the botanical
& Hort^l objects. They
seem to believe that
the timber of cedar &
temperate climates is
most suited to their
purposes. But I ans:

fect they want enlighten-
ment on this subject.

They want some simple
test for good timber, if
such could be found
without long & often
costly experience.

Orders will be
given to admit you as
soon as you like to
come on the Saturday,
& all will be open to
you & your friend. We
shall be in the Office
room in the Garden Tree
H, or may be a little before.

Truly Yours, W. J. Hooker