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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.

Sir William Hooker
 presents his compliments
 to Miss Nelson. He un-
 derstands from Miss
 Gurney that she is
 willing to offer some
~~few~~ seed from an Is-
 land near Japan to
 the Royal Gardens of
 Kew. It is generally
 very difficult, often im-
 possible to raise seeds of
 this kind, but if Miss
 Nelson will send some

every one should be taken
trouble to see it

The Plants of Japan
& of the adjacent isles
are very interesting &
very many will probably
prove new. If Miss
Nelson has any friends
still in that region
he should be asked to
make large botanical
collections, & perhaps
the enclosed Circular
may be useful to him.
Send of any Books, Prints &

Torch trees & even herbaceous
would be acceptable &
the plants raised from
them would probably
prove hardy in this climate.

9th Nov. 1855