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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.

my feelings as regards ~~what~~ what you say are just
what they were when you wrote at the time that
Sir W. Watson Cheyne ~~was~~ decided to return. But
the conditions are different. I could then have
afforded to undertake the duties. Now I cannot.

The situation is this. ~~What~~ ~~My~~ ~~Godfather~~
During our last year at New ~~residence~~ of my wife's
sister, who had been for years matron of the
mental hospital at Canterbury had a stroke
and ~~was~~ brought, ~~then~~ as soon as she could
be moved to live with us. Her pension and an
annuity for which she had subscribed, together with
the dividends on her invested savings ~~brought~~
gave her an income of about £200 a year.

This, while she was with us, was just sufficient
to provide ~~us~~ the nursing and medical
attendance called for and so long as she
was a member of ~~our~~ household the
other outgoings ~~were~~ ^{seemed} ~~to be~~ immaterial. But
our having her in our household involved
our ^{moving into} looking for a house with three more
rooms than we should otherwise have
needed and therefore one that ~~could~~ ^{cannot} be

run with fever than three weeks to domestication.
~~that~~ I did not fully realize ~~what~~ ^{how} ~~hard~~ ^{the}
 strain ~~which~~ ^{on} my wife ~~was~~ ^{was} putting ~~her~~ ^{her}
 imposing on herself on account of the invalid-
~~ity~~ ^{who} Our family doctor, ~~doubted~~ ^{doubted} the wisdom of the
 arrangement ~~found~~ ^{but} my wife was so averse to any
 other arrangement that ~~the~~ ^{he} ~~our~~ ^{doctor} did not
 think it ~~desirable~~ ^{desirable} to discuss the matter
 with us. When we left New our doctor ~~naturally~~
~~there~~ ^{naturally} did not often come over to Putney
 but when we had been there a year he came
 one day to see his old patient and
 was so struck by my wife's appearance that
 he insisted on overhauling her very thoroughly.
 He found that she had overstrained her heart
 and put down his foot so firmly that my
 wife agreed to let her sister go to a
 nursing home, which was what our doctor
 had recommended from the first.

A comfortable home was found for the patient - But you probably know what this means - the expenses there run to over \$500 a year and the ^{deficit} ~~running~~ ^{being} \$300

the patient's income has to be met by the patient's refusing
brother and myself - while now that the patient
is no longer living with us we are ~~at~~ overhauled.