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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.

As a matter of fact we have made up our minds
to get into the country somewhere or other as
soon as we can find the smaller house for which
we are looking. ~~Starting~~ ^{which} we live in a rented
house ~~so that~~ it will ~~be~~ not be difficult to
get out of - calculating I had to pay a premium
of about \$1200 to secure what was ~~the~~ the
10 years remainder of a ~~10~~ lease - and shall ~~get~~ get
proportionately less, ~~than~~ if I get anything at
all, when we leave - But leave we must,
for at the moment I am living up to the limit
of my income: a condition that my duties as the
head of two ~~large~~ public gardens ~~is~~ have in-
in Quebec imposed on me since 1898 but one
that it seems idle to impose on myself.
Now, when we ^{do} move it ~~will be~~ ^{will} be ~~good~~ mean
nothing somewhere from which it ~~will~~ ^{will} not be
possible for me to ^{perform} ~~undertake~~ the duties ~~of~~ ^{and}
~~and~~ you are so kind as to think I might
be capable of undertaking. ~~However~~ ^{What}
~~that~~ However one hopes sincerely that the
need to find someone to undertake these
duties will not arise for some years
to come - and although ^{as far as} ~~my~~ health is at present
goes, I feel ~~quite~~ ^{myself} at present equal to the strain, one
cannot count on this continuing to be the case.

I have told you frankly what the position is,
and feel that you will agree with me in thinking
that ~~it is desirable to put forward for~~
~~consideration the name of some younger man.~~
will be more to the interests of the cause we
both have at heart - not to remind the Com-
mittee of my existence.