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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.



For  
Delaware House Esq.  
Wilmington.  
Del of Wright



My dear Sir,

You have I dare say  
very considerably been lost to Geology by  
the want of any news or communication  
from me upon the subject or even a letter  
in common courtesy. When I left the  
Isle of Wight it was in full hope of shortly  
revisiting it; these hopes have been wholly  
disappointed, & I have now long settled  
for some while at least in the South of  
Kent. Botany has almost exclusively  
occupied my attention, the fruits of which  
study will soon appear in a Catalogue of  
new & rare plants collected in the South  
of Kent.

The list of Fossils of the S. M. of  
your Island which I sent you must have  
long since ceased to be of use to you, if ever  
it had an use. Looking forward to some  
leisure, I intend to examine the smaller shells  
which I brought in such variety from the  
Marine Formation of Colwell Bay. If you



can lay your hand upon the Catalogue  
will you send it to me directed to Sandgate?  
At Hythe, which is close upon us, a fine  
collection of minerals made by the officers of  
the Staff Corps with the rudiments of a  
general collection in Mineral <sup>& recent</sup> Conchology,  
antiquities, insects &c are rising into notice.  
Would you exchange with them a collection of  
Is. of Wright Fossils, particularly of the  
Freshwater & Marine formations. For a collection  
from the Gault, Grey Chalk, Green Sand & Weald?  
I could aid them in the latter part of their  
collection for you, & could add to your collection  
for them the more minute fossil species of  
Cobwell Bay.

Will you write upon this subject  
by the Catalogue soon: & also tell me what  
progress your own Society has made. It is  
noticed I observe in the Naturalists Magazine

Meanwhile my dear Sir, believe me  
ever truly & devotedly yours

Monday. July 23. — Edward E. Smith.

oblige me by presenting my compliments  
& remembrances to Dr. Marshall.

Agnes' Radgins  
Sandgate