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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.

John D. Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 26 Oct. 1893.

Mr. F. V. Coville,

U.S. Depart. Agricult.

Dear Sir: There can be no doubt about your set of plants from the Guatemalan exhibit at Chicago being merely duplicates of plants that were sent me by Heyde & Lux prior to Aug. 1893. The lead-pencil numbers attached to your sheets correspond generally (yet not always) with those, under which they were sent to me. Besides, I recognize the writing of Father Heyde in these numbers, as well as in a remark upon one of the specimens (Hemysa Rod-
-rigouzii mistaken by him for H. Heydeana).

All except two or three of these plants were contributed by me in Oct. '93 to the Nat. Herb. Those two or three, and the ones that I sent back to you undetermined, had not ^{yet} been worked up by me at that time.

It is nearly a year since I have had any news from Father Heyde; and since I have no answers to several letters, I presume he has gone away. He had got into trouble with the Government, and was thrown into prison in Sept. 1893, but soon liberated on bail.

Perhaps you will find it advisable to keep together as many of your specimens as have not ^{been} ~~on that~~

named by me, so that you can again let me examine them after the rest of Heyde's material shall have been worked up.

I find by reference to my registry that up to this time 1529 numbers of my series of Guatemalan plants have been presented to the Nat. Herbarium. The chief part of these were sent in Oct. 1893; but I cannot conveniently ascertain how many, — certainly over a thousand.

Mr. Rose: Will you look over these specimens from Guatemala, get up a label for the set and consider what to do with them?

L. V. G.