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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.

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San Marcos, Texas, Apr. 23, 1895.

Prof. F. V. Coville,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,— I had a letter from dated April 21, 1895, and signed by Edwin Willets your assistant secretary, in which it was stated that you had sent me a copy of F. H. Knowlton's "Directions for Collecting Recent + Fossil Plants" I did not receive the pamphlet, but should be glad to have it. I have just read your letter with interest today.

In the same you state that after I shall have learned to make good specimens your department would like to exchange with me. If it is customary for your department even to send out a few mounted specimens as samples of good work to amateurs I should

like to receive a few and I should cheerfully repay you by sending in exchange as good as I can prepare. I have an acme plant press of the standard size and some sheets for mounting; but I have not mounted any yet. I sent to Gosino of Boston for sample mounted specimens but he could not furnish me any. After reading Prof. Asa Gray's testimony that his first specimens were singularly poor I feel loath to begin mounting until I am assured they are ample.

I have pressed specimens of most of the plants that occur in this county. I have not poisoned them yet with corrosive sublimate.

I have read the Texan Botany by

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Dr. Coulter with increasing interest from month to month, I have two bound copies of it. The President of the Sam Houston Normal Institute visited me this summer to put his son in our school; as soon as he saw Coulter's Texan Botany he took the address to get one for the school library. I told him the work now would cost him \$2.50 from the collection of Dr. A. E. Fiske of Philadelphia. I gave the address to one of the San Antonio teachers yesterday; it will go into the library there.

There are many omissions in that work, necessarily as a tentative effort; for instance *Arisaema triphyllum*, Torrey, is omitted. I have verified its occurrence in Hays Caldwell and Guadalupe counties. Last

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spring when the first specimen of *Arbutus Kalapensis*, Var. *Texana*, was brought to me I found that Dr. Gutter reported it as occurring on the foot hills west of the Pecos. I was surprised to find it fairly abundant almost at my own door. It is quite abundant in Bander County. I also found abundant in Bander County the handsome shrub *Styrax plat-anifolia*. It grows on the passes of that County. I have just sent to the Smithsonian Institute for the Synoptical Flora, Gamopetalae.

I deeply regret that a department of Botany has not yet been established in our Texas University. So much has to be done that this ought to be established at once. Very truly yours, S. W. Stanfield.