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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.

New York, Feb. 3rd 1868

My dear Sir -

Your letter of the 19th inst. came to hand just as I was leaving for Washington, & since my return, pressing duties have taken up my time so that I have been able to write but very few letters till to-day

Those plants of the U.S. Pacific Rail-Road Exped. & Mexican Boundary Survey, are still on hand, & only need labelling to be ready for you. I hope soon to do this job, & thus fulfil the promise made to you so long ago -

You can hardly believe how much my time is cut up. I am curtailing my

engagements & occupations, which
will enable me to devote more time
to Botany.

I hope you are making rapid pro-
gress in our beautiful science. Pray
let me know what you are studying
just now.

Remember me to Dr & Mrs. Gray
& also to Mr. Wright, if he is still
in Cambridge

Yours truly
John Torrey

Horace Mann Esq