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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.

Dec 20 1892

Dear Macalister

I am anxious
that you should accept
the proposal just reaching
you from the Anthropological
Institute, asking you to take
the Presidency this time.

It is most necessary that
Physical anthropology
should be thoroughly well
kept up. I do not agree
with the French who hardly
think that Anthropology
includes more than human
comparative anatomy, but
it seems to me that this

department is fundamental.
All the experience I
have had goes with our
the German plan of
working physical anthropology,
language, culture, even
folklore in combination for
mutual help. It will be
satisfying to hear of your being

my successor, and I am
glad to say that the
difficulties of working the
Institute seem to lessen,
& certainly we are now
justifying our existence
by doing a great deal
of sound work

Yours very sincerely
Edward B Tylor