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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.

Sereno Watson

BOTANIC GARDEN OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec. 22 1876

Dear Palmer,

I send you
half a dozen copies of my
paper which includes the list
of your plants, and also a
couple of Dr. Gray's in which
his descriptions of his new
species of your collection
are to be found. I have
already sent copies of
my list to all the professors
of your acts.

I do not quite understand
your question about Opuntia.
Dr. Engelm. had a good deal to
say about our Cactaceae, first
and last — but not much about
the Mexican ones. Dr. Vasey
can direct you to his papers.

Greene has been to the island of Guadalupe in the last year or two (winter of 1884-5) and you will find where we have to say about the present condition of the island & its vegetation in the Bulletin of the California Acad. of Sci., vol. I, p. 214+. Dr. Vasey tells me he has it & it will be of interest to you.

The region is of more botanical interest to us than our western southwestern borders. The trouble is to explore them & make a living the same time. Dr. Gray tells me that Prof. Baird is intending to send a steamer round the Cape into the Gulf of California. Can you not make some arrangement with him either to be attached to it in some capacity or to meet it, say at Guaymas, & work in connection with it in that region? Yes, very truly
Arno Watson