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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.

Green + Watson

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Aug. 2^d 1884

My dear Dr. Palmer

I learn from Mr. Wright that you are at San Bernardino still, and I hope improving in health. I have been at work at the determination of your Cicerayman plants as I had the time and am now with them essentially finished. I will publish the list as usual, but in anticipation of such publication will send a copy of it to the subscribers to the eds. I am somewhat aw-

pleased to hear from Mr. Wright
(though perhaps I ought not to
be) that Lorenz has been
naming some of them. It
may perhaps be best for
you to drop him a card,
telling him that the determi-
nation of the plants has been
entrusted to me, as he doubtless
knows, and that it is your
wish that the publication of
new species, &c., should be left
to me.

The collection proves of great
interest, & I only hope that
it has not been made at the
cost of your own serious
ill health. I shall be glad to
help you in any way if I see
the opportunity. With best
wishes
Yrs. very truly
Serenus W. Benson