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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.



579 King St

Charleston S.C.

Jan 31, 1891

Mr. Frederick V. Coville

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

You have placed me under many obligations in sending me the report "The Marine Algae of New England." It has been of great service in tracing the names of several specimens of Algae.

I now know that most of the names of specimens sent for identification were wrong. But if the specialist will have the kindness to return the

^ Name of such as were sent
it will be a great favor to me.
Have found one specimen of
"Ectocarpus siliculosus," this
year in spore state. I identi-
fied it by analysis and a
microscopic examination.
(150 diam). It was marked
"Vaucheria ?" in those sent.

I am preparing a set for
your inspection, of 2 speci-
mens of each kind, with
date of collection, place,
name of specimen (if possible)
and collector. But it will
be some time before it will
be ready to forward, since
I should like it to be as

correct

specimens

nearly a representative collection as possible.

After three years observation of the Algae of the S.C. coast, I have been struck with the abundance and elegance of specimens, and sometimes, the size. They appear when the cooler weather comes, and disappear when the warmer season begins - i.e. about Nov. to June. If Prof. Harlow had sought ^{algae in} these waters in their season, he would have found abundance. But I have never found any fine specimens, mostly none at all, in the summer season.

Yours truly
(Rev) Edmund Kelly