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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.

Petaluma Ca
Oct. 3. 81.

Prof. C. E. Bessey

Worship a line
to say how well I was
pleased with the notice
you gave my specimens
of the U.S. I had hoped to
see you at the Convention
in Phil^a, but the two days
expected to spend there were
so fearfully hot & already a
sufferer from the heat could
not leave home.

Have made
some valuable accessions
this summer to the list of det.
moss - about 25 - of which Miss
Butler collected some of the finer.
Thank for the notice.

Truly & fraternally
Francis Nolle

Pethukunda Mar 1/89
My C. E. Bailey Dear Sir

Thank'd for your lines
of Feb. 23rd. I shall be happy to send you
notice as soon as ready with my Freshwater
algae. Am making progress but dependent
on printers, have not the work as my entire
control. About 200 pages of letter press are finish-
ed, and about half of the plates of which
there will be 150. Judging by the time
consumed by the printers, & the Lithographers,
started early in December. I suppose
will have to wait three months more to
see the end, and then the struggle to
make up the large expenses. Will cost
more than my Delonides, because more
of it - 150 plates - 200 figures &c.
Any aid kindly offered shall be
gratefully appreciated.

Yours &c
J. Presley
Francis Moller

Bethlehem Pa. Mar. 23/84

My Dear Mr. J. D. S.

Yours of the 15th recd. & have had it under consideration, resulting in a decision not to include the *Characeae* in my *J. W. Algae*. They are an outcast tribe & should have no samples to adopt them, but the idea comes too late. The printers have just finished the last page of a short addenda & have set up a Glossary. I might yet squeeze in 15 or 20 pages by quoting freely from Halsted, & from Allen. Could not do much from personal observation.

The plants are familiar but did not make them a study as the true Algae.

I wrote to Dr. Allen, in reply last night he says "I shall issue this season the first part, 'Introduction & Classification' of my full work on the Amer. Char. which has long been in preparation".

He will list these humble plants out of their obscurity - So, under these circumstances think best to do nothing, but regret your suggestion was not made sooner. Was not aware of the good & lasting it should have had in adding the *Characeae*.

to the Algae. They are somewhat distinct
but they ought to be added to some larger
Community - They are nearest to the
Algae.

Had specimens of *Extremophila*
a few years since from Salt Lake; &
recently received five specimens from
Montana which I note in the "addenda".
The ready proof, added also Nebraska
in your authority.

Am making slow progress with
my book - particularly with the plates -
Lithographers say they are very much
crowded with work - half not yet finished.
Printers have you in hand the index
& 100 pages - Descriptions of the Plates.

Write a strong letter to the Lithographers
last week - They are not doing justice to me.
They have to have ^{them} my ~~plates~~ ^{proofs} & try some others,
but that would be making perhaps more
delay.

Yours
fraternally
Francis M. W.

Bethlehem Pa. July 1st 1827

Dear Mr. Vesley In two weeks I expect
to have from the Binders, & ready for
issue my Fresh-water Algae, as
explained in the short, enclosed, circular.
According to promise I send you this
my first, announcement. You offered
a brief review, & I offer you a copy, 2 vols
for 50¢ - Is this satisfactory?

My price of \$10.00 may seem high, but
considering the small demand for a work
of this kind, it is the best I can do. By
comparison it ought not to be considered too
much. Cooke's British Fr. Algae, published
1852-1854 - is now advertised by the author at
£4. 10s. or about 22¢ - the work is a ^{somewhat} smaller
form; has 30 pp. less of letter press & 27 less
Plates. You may imagine my
ambition is not a financial speculation.

Yours

J. R. R. Vesey
Francis Rolle