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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.

31. 7. 23

The Fossil
Woods.
Gloucester.

My dear Pearn,

Nothing could be kinder or more
beautiful than the birthday message
you sent me on the part of Lady
Pearn and yourself.

People I think do not realize
that advanced old age is very
often a little ground for congratulation.
When Mrs. Duce used to call
"senile infirmities" at best limit
one's powers, at worst become a
burden.

My birthday brought me two
wholly unexpected documents from
New. I say unexpected because
I had hoped that with impaired
health it would be understood that

while more than satisfied with the approval and recognition I have received my desire now is to pass my remaining days in quiet seclusion.

Henceforth I can confess that the new address affected me much.

I trust it to mean that my new work proved to have been on right lines & that those who shared the labour with me were now able to say with conviction that they "saw it was good". And I am proud that those who followed are disposed to think the same.

But I remain free & happy or comfortable about the other document to which you have generously added your signature also.

Looking back I see that most things I have had at heart have

prospered beyond expectation.

The fact does not need enforcing, a few words of kindly remembrance from the half dozen men who have seen it & so would have been pleasant to themselves. and this, in fact, Hill has not done; but the larger understatement which

which Hill has burdened himself seems to be too much exaggerated to have much meaning. Names of men of whom I know little or nothing are to come in discripts. It seems to have become a sort of 'referendum' or plebiscite.

I have no objection to that to Hill. But I should not be sorry if the whole thing were dropped. I can go to the grave contentedly without such a testimonial. Lady this Mox. Dyer has been in very poor health all this year

look what I can only describe
 as visceral trouble. Currier Webb
 (commonly Webb Phipps) has migrated
 from London to Cheltenham and taken
 her in hand, partly into mechanical
 & partly physical treatment, &
 am thankful to say, with considerable
 success. She has been staying for
 the last three weeks at Sidmouth,
 returning tomorrow.

I have been sorting accumulations
 of letters. I enclose two which
 I think you will like to have.

Always sincerely

W. T. Threlkeld-Dyer

28.12.23

THE HOSPITAL,
WITCHAM,
GLOUCESTER

Dear Prain

We are very grateful for your good and kind wishes and heartily reciprocate them to Lady Prain and yourself.

My wife is sadly crippled but in good heart. This house fortunately does its best to infer many needs. My wife is confined to her rooms for temperature, but they are comfortable and cheerful and she has a good nurse and a fair-acting doctor. She is now having a course of serum-injections as she is found to be thoroughly infected with 'Bacillus etc.', the source of most of her troubles.

As for myself there is little amiss as to general health except a sluggish liver, the bane of many of us. Horse exercise would be the best exercise but I have never learnt to ride. The 10-mile drive to Cheltenham & back about twice a-week in a sporting trap with a fast pony driven by a skilful groom I find an admirable substitute -

Georg is completely wrapped up in his Engineering and seems to trouble his head little about Indian Politics. In his last letter I find only two items

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Lieut. Col. Sir David Paine

C.M.G., C.I.E. V.R.

12 Heathview Gardens

Putney Heath

London. S.W. 15

I grieve at the tragic death
of Jeffery Bell of which I
had neither seen nor heard.
I had known him since his undergraduate
days at Oxford and I held him in affection.
He spent Christmas with us when we
first came here.

W. F. F. D.