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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.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

December 12, 1952

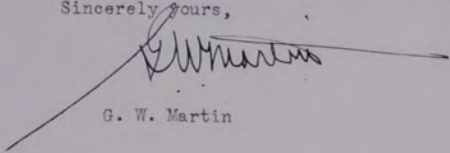
Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

In our library copy and in my personal copy of Persoon's "Synopsis Methodica Fungorum" the title page at the beginning bears the legend "Pars Prima." Between pages 240 and 241 in both copies is inserted a second title page marked "Pars Secunda." Both are dated 1801. The complete work consists of pages i-xxx, 1-706, 5 plates and index. If you have the first 30, numbered in Roman, you have the complete work.

No one seems to know what interval of time, if any, occurred between the issue of the first and second parts, hence at Stockholm the date of the entire work was arbitrarily set as of December 31, 1801, as noted in the new edition of the Code. I interpret Pritzel's reference to 1808 to refer to the date the index was issued, which was in that year, but it was not compiled by Persoon but by someone else, indicated only by the initials D. G. H. L.

Sincerely yours,



G. W. Martin

December 15, 1954

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Dr. Ray:

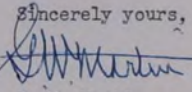
Your question is a very difficult one to answer. With the members of the committee scattered as widely as they are and with other occupations, it is inevitable that there will be some delay in getting this work started. However, I understand that the editor in Holland is prepared to have the cards printed very promptly when material comes in.

I think it is extremely probable that a substantial number of cards will appear the first year or so. Both Singer and Donk have been working at the material in their fields but, so far as I have been informed, none of their lists have as yet been approved. Certainly, I have not seen such and it should pass through my hands.

With reference to the second question, it is my understanding that an institutional department or library can be granted the special rate only if it is registered as a subscribing member of the organization. Details are listed on the last page of each number of TAXON.

I will keep your letter in the file on this material and as further information is received, will let you hear from me.

Sincerely yours,


G. W. Martin

GWm/mn

October 4, 1955

Dr. W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

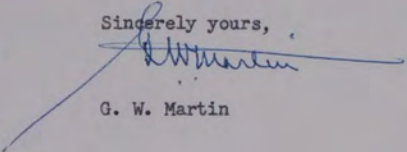
Dear Dr. Ray:

I greatly regret that I have no more separates of the Botanical Review paper on Myxomycetes. Much to my surprise, the demand for it was extensive.

I appreciate the word about Garner. I felt, as I told you, that he would be successful with students.

I am back at work and hope to continue to be for some time, but have had to slow down a bit.

Sincerely yours,



G. W. Martin

GWM/mn

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

March 1, 1956

Professor W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

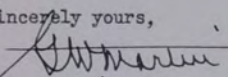
Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for calling ^{to} my attention my failure to nominate Dr. Garner for full membership in Sigma Xi. It was an oversight on my part. I am submitting a nomination blank to our local chapter and when it goes through official channels I shall notify you. [I presume initiation can be arranged at Nebraska if it seems desirable, or in absentia here.]

I have been intending to write you to ask whether you would give me an appraisal of Garner's work at Nebraska. He is, as you know, looking for a permanent appointment and your judgment would be of value in connection with my letters concerning him.

I hear from him that you may go to Turkey for a year. If so, it should be a fascinating and valuable experience.

Sincerely yours,


G. W. MARTIN

GWM/dfc

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

March 23, 1956

Professor W. W. Ray
Department of Botany
University of Nebraska
Lincoln 8, Nebraska

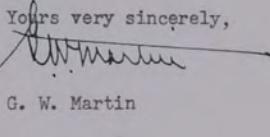
Dear Dr. Ray:

Congratulations on the appointment. You should have an interesting and stimulating experience.

The only man I could suggest for the interim appointment is Everett F. Morris, who is now completing his first year at Millikin University. I am not sure Morris would be interested in a temporary appointment or that he should consider leaving Millikin so soon. I shall write him, and if he does wish to apply, I shall write you more fully.

If Garner is acceptable, I am inclined to think he would do well to stay on. The professional experience he would get at Nebraska would be far more to his permanent advantage than what would be afforded by some of the smaller schools with which he has been corresponding. The teaching schedule you outline is extraordinarily desirable, it seems to me.

Yours very sincerely,



G. W. Martin

GWM/dfc

10 November 58

Dear Dr. Ray:

I am glad to hear that you are safely back from the near East and its turmoil. You must have had a most interesting experience.

I have sent all papers to you during your absence to the Department at Lincoln, supposing that they would be dealt with as you instructed. Evidently some failed to reach you. In a day or two I shall be getting some more copies of the paper you mention from the building where they are stored. The supply I had in my present office is gone. It seems that the platitudes I had to offer aroused more interest

than I had anticipated. You are doubtless extremely busy picking up loose ends, but I am sure the trip was worth it.

Sincerely yours

J. W. Martin