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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.

New Haven. Jan 11. 1873

My dear Sir,

Your note of the 2<sup>d</sup> is too long unanswered.

I shall distribute very few sets of algae for a year to come, and probably only in exchange for algae within that time.

I have no time to put up collections for sale at any price; - life is too short.

If, next season, you can send me some good

specimens of the more  
interesting plants of  
Iowa, I will make a  
return in Algæ, and as  
the latter are far the  
more difficult to collect  
and to study I shall  
not expect to send a  
number of species near  
so great as you can  
easily find of Phanogamias.

Yours truly

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