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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.

Cambridge,
Sept. 15.

My dear Prof. Bessey,
Yours of the
11th has just been received
and in the same mail a
letter from Trelease in regard
Prof. William. Have I not
seen Mr. Williams? There
was a younger man who
called at the Herbarium in
July whose name was
Williams. He said that he
was with Prof. Macmillan
and was interested in
lichens. With him was a
lady whom I took to be his

sister, perhaps his wife. They were both short.

I shall be very glad to do what I can for Prof. Wilkins. He can look up lichens in the Tuckerman Coll. or in my own or the Gray Coll. Tuckerman's lichens are in good condition for study although the saxicolous forms are rather better sheltered in drawers just as they were left by Tuckerman. I have not yet had time to arrange them to correspond to those on sheets but shall do so as soon as I can.

Do you know when and in what way Prof. Wilkins intends to come? One can come as a visiting botanist to consult the lichens but if he wishes to do culture work

to Bessey 15-18.

it will be necessary to be
enrolled in the Graduate
Department.

I have not yet been
able to leave Cambridge this
summer owing to family
and business matters. My
brother has now returned
from Europe and I shall
go away at once to be
gone a fortnight to get
a little rest for I am rather
used up.

I'm haste,
W. G. Farlow.