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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, Dec. 7.

Dear Prof.,

I presume you are very busy indeed. I am myself. I suppose that Ellis's third fasciculus will be distributed presently, the labels must be about done.

I have just finished my Lowell Lecture and am putting what time I can get on to algae. In the spring I shall return to fungi of which I have a number of new things. I suppose you received Harknell's paper all right.

In haste, W. C. Harlow.