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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.

21. Nov. 1887

Saharanpur
N.W. Prov., India.

Dear Sir

I am extremely obliged to you for
your letter of 24 Oct. & the list of names
& corrections. They came just in
time to ~~be~~ enable me to correct
the m.s. of my book on Foddergrasses,
the first ^{portion} of which is in the press.

I am glad you found something
new amongst the specimens I sent
to you. I am now preparing
another collection to send to you,
viz. from Bundellkhand & Rajputana,
I spent a few days last October on

Mt. Abu, which is in the extreme
western part of Rajputana; & the
flora is very interesting.

I was surprised to find that
what we call *Andropogon Bledii*
Ry is *A. annulatus* Forst.
Boissier in his Fl. Or. Vol V
lays stress on the 3-toothed
apex of the lower glumes as
a character distinguishing it from
A. annulatus. & which is

clearly observable in our plant.

Plate XXIII of my book of illustrations
certainly looks more like *A.*
warrencense, but - it is I think
A. laxiger, though not perhaps
typical.

I had discovered the error in
naming the grass represented on
Pl. xxxii as *Sporobolus tenacissimus*,
& ~~have~~ altered it to *S. orientalis*
Kuntze, but I may be wrong again.

It is a very interesting grass
being found only on usar (saline)
soil, & on large tracts constituting
the sole vegetation.

The stations for the new *Ischaemum*
(*I. notatum*) are as follows: -

- (1) Ranikhet 5-6,000' 28. 8. 86.
(2) near Lohapahit 5-6,000' 21. 8. 86.
(3) Thakul Hill near Pithoragarh 6-7,000' 18. 8. 86 }
(4) near Naini, 6-7,000' 2-7. 86.
(all in Kumaon.)

Again thanking you & for your
kind promise to send me duplicates

For your own herbaceous,

I remain
Dear Sir

Yours very truly

J. D. White.