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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

(ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.)

SOUTH KENSINGTON,

LONDON, S.W.7.

16th June 1934.

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S.,
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research,
16 Old Queen St.,
S.W.1.

My dear Prain,

Many thanks for your letter, and not so many thanks for the large voluminous file! I spent most of yesterday going carefully through it. I am sorry to see that the scheme is becoming more and more a local one. We had much larger ideas at the time of its inception. However, we can discuss the matter when we next correspond. I believe I am in the Chair, and expect to have two guests so I shall not be, perhaps, quite so free as I could wish, but if not I may come over to the Department next week and we will have our talk there.

Yours ever,

B. Farmer