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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.

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BOWOOD,
CALNE,
WILTS.

My dear Prain

26th. Sep. 1922.

It was very kind of you to write to me . I was sure you would sympathise with us. It is a horrible story and shews what the Country has come to in the complete absence of all the machinery of government. I am afraid that the savages who wrecked our house have
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no respect for natural beauty.

When I last heard no great harm had been done to the trees and shrubs, but as the enemy has carried off all the gates and thrown the fences down, I fear that the garden may be overrun with cattle and virtually destroyed.

Please tell Lady Prain how much we both value her and your sympathy.

On the rare occasions that I now visit Kew, I remember wistfully the frequent hospitality of her tea table.

I am told that letters to Major Warden should be addressed to him at Cox' Bank; he, poor fellow, has no other home in which he can take refuge.

Yours sincerely
Lambert