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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.

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20.9.23

13 Lady Road, Edinburgh,  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 1922.

My dear Prain,

You and Lady Prain  
have heaped coals of fire upon  
my head. Not that I am an  
"enemy", but I have behaved  
so badly in not answering,  
I think, two letters. I wish  
I could persuade you that  
my not answering was a kind  
of compliment - I could not  
dash off just anything to  
my old and learned friend,  
Prain. As a matter of fact

I did write you a letter & sent it per Ken, our second boy, the ex-airman, then he was up in London after a post, but he had no time to deliver it. He got the post, a C.A. in <sup>York</sup>.

No more - I accept your forgiveness gladly.

Now that you have retired, are you burdened with the stium, or are you like me,

menquam minus stiosus quam quum stiosus? I seem never able to clear off so as to get

at the bigger things I want to do. I trust it was age - so called - and not any necessity of health that led to your giving up Ken. Mrs. Morrison and I both hope Lady Prain keeps well.

Mrs. Morrison, you may not know, had a bad breakdown in July 1919 and has never got over it although she gets out on fine days in a chair and enjoys reading and writing in spite of being easily tired. Beta relieves her entirely of housekeeping.

Terry got a little son lately  
and both he and his mother  
are doing well.

With all good-wishes from  
Mrs. Morrison, Beta and  
myself to you and Lady Bram,  
Believe me

Yours & sincerely

John Morrison.

Come to see you if you can  
when you are in Edinburgh.

~~At B. the new address - ask in~~  
~~the~~ ~~Barton~~ direction. Jm