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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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18th Dec 1923

6. Sussex Place.
Hyde Park. W. 2

My dear Prain

I had hoped to
come & see you & Lady Prain
before Xmas, but as we are
departing for a week on Friday
that is now impossible, & I
look forward to a visit after
New Year, when I trust I
shall find you both very
well.
Penny greatly enjoyed her class
& stormy voyage to Burs (after

the first two days) & she now
writes in great spirits from
Baghdad. She had just been
to the unveiling of fuel.
Mandis statue when she
last wrote, & she tells us to
look out for Cinema
pictures of the ceremony, as
a film has been sent home.
She is disappointed at
finding no flowers at
this season; but there is
so much that is new & interest

her that she was really hampered
time for botanizing.

The political position does not
bear talking of. One can only hope
that the underlying good sense of
the country will assert itself. For
my own part (differing from
almost all my friends, & I suspect
from you) I am glad that the
country did not give the
Conservatives a mandate for
a policy of thorough-going
protection. But I should have
been glad for the sake of
tranquillity, if Baldwin had

secured a large majority.

So you now stroll into Kensington
Gardens & see how they are
faring. I think the Subst. (note)
I hear is a new way, means
to have them in very good
order next year, which is as well
as we shall have crabs &
grape vines.

Shuman has succeeded in turning
out a remarkably good
account of the "Gym".

With all good wishes to you
for a happy New Year
& a good New Year

Yr. very sincere
John O. Miller