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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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Dear Prain

We are very grateful for your good and kind wishes and heartily reciprocate them to Lady Prain and yourself.

My wife is sadly crippled but in good heart. This house fortunately does its best to infer many needs. My wife is confined to her rooms for temperature, but they are comfortable and cheerful and she has a good nurse and a fair-acting doctor. She is now having a course of serum-injections as she is found to be thoroughly infected with 'Bacillus etc.', the source of most of her troubles.

As for myself there is little amiss as to general health except a sluggish liver, the bane of most of us. Horse exercise would be the best exercise but I have never learnt to ride. The 10-mile drive to Cheltenham & back about twice a-week in a sporting trap with a fast pony driven by a skilful groom I find an admirable substitute -

Georg is completely wrapped up in his Engineering and seems to trouble his head little about Indian Politics. In his last letter I find only two items

