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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.

A. S. WELCH,
PRESIDENT.

C. E. BESSEY,
PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.

Iowa Agricultural College.

Ames, Dec 29th 1879

Hon. Burt Sherman
Fredericksburg, Iowa.

My dear sir,

The President has suggested to me that I might have the house formerly occupied by him. I have told him that, in view of the fact that on account of my reduction of salary I am obliged to give up my house, being able to pay for it - I should be glad to have the house. I want to say to each member of the Board, however, that I make no request for it: if you have the house repaired, and

want a ~~proportion~~ for a tenant. I
am more than willing to occupy it.
Of course the house would have to be
considerably repaired before being
occupied by any one.

Very truly Yours

C. E. Bessy