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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.

from Bessey

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, U. S. A.

Aug. 27, 1913.

Miss Leva Walker,

La Pointe, Wis.

My dear Miss Walker:

Your letter of the 21st inclosing copy for the high school supply sheet reached me this morning and I have already started it towards the printer. The paper is now in such good shape that I shall have 1000 printed. We will leave one-half of them in Mr. Reed's office to be sent out at once, and the rest of them we shall keep in the Department of Botany for particular use as we need them.

Very glad that you are able to get so much good material for the Department. Be sure to keep an account of your expenses because I ~~shall~~ not like to have you incur expenses of your own for supplies of this kind. I shall arrange in some way to see that you are paid.

Since you left the city Mr. Cromwell, who was entitled to a fellowship this year, has been appointed to an instructorship in Botany in North Carolina, and so he will drop out of the Department. Also Mr. Rands has accepted the instructorship in Botany in the University of Louisiana. This is the instructorship that Mr. Peterson held, but as Mr. Peterson has a year's leave-of-absence, Mr. Rands fills the place for the year. I am sorry to lose Mr. Rands, but if he had not accepted this offer he would have gone into the Government Service any way, so that we should not have had him.

Now this leaves our Department very shorthanded. Miss

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Anderson, as you know, leaves the Department for the high school Botany here in Lincoln. So our list at the present time is as follows:

Miss Dworak,
Miss Kramer,
Miss Holmes,
Miss Lee,
Mr. Sears, (The Ohio man).

I have not heard from Miss Dworak for several weeks, in fact, I am not sure that I have heard from her since she went away, and you know there was some doubt in her mind as to whether she would return or not. I am hoping, however, that she will certainly return. Miss Lee has told me that she will certainly be with us for the first few weeks of the semester, and may stay throughout the whole year. Have you any suggestions to make in regard to the other people who should fill the positions now vacant?

When do you return? There is nothing except this matter of appointing people to these vacancies demanding your return.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Bessey