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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.

SAINT LOUIS, April 23-1903.

My dear Brewster:-

I have been looking up the *Thalictrum* and find that the *dicicum* is here and in bloom. the *polygamum* is gone and unfortunately the *Pendula* also.

However it was first obtained several years ago from David R. Day of Buffalo.

He is dead now but I find that he ~~has~~ turned all his materials over to the Buffalo Botanical Garden and it is possible that you might obtain it from them.

I have also thought that perhaps MacDougal could help you out. They are getting such a raft of stuff from everywhere in the N.Y. Garden. I'm awfully sorry that I haven't been able to help you but I have tried and it may be that some of these suggestions may get you on the right track. Can I do anything with the *dicicum* for you? I hope you'll not fail to come down anyway; come right to the house, 3883 Sumner, or I'll meet you at the train. I had a letter

from "Little Livingston" in which he said
you had been there.

With kindest regards to you and
yours As ever, Yours sincerely
J.M.S.