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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.

St Louis Oct. 31st 1897
Dr. Frederick Coville,

Dear Sir,

In yours of the
31st you state *S. longipes* was applied
at an earlier date to a different plant.

The earliest reference I have
to "*S. Wardi*" is from Anders. in *Öfvers af. Vet. Akad.
Förh.* 1858, and reads *S. longipes* - Shuttlerw. (in herb. Hooker)
Specimens collected 1843, Florida by Riegel. Now
as my desire is not to go wrong on this point,
will you kindly state the name of the plant
you allude to and give its reference in Hooker.
Thanking you for pointing out the mistake
if it be one, you will confer a further favor
upon yours very sincerely,
W. M. S. Laffetter M.D.