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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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IMPERIAL FORESTRY INSTITUTE,
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Oct. 4, 1932.

Dear Professor Sauer,

Dr. Bancroft has been discussing with me a paper by Miss Dixon on the floral anatomy of the Rhoeodales, which has been illustrated by an excellent set of diagrams.

I am very favourably impressed by this work which is of considerable assistance in clearing up certain points in the phylogenetic relationships of the group, and I think you will be interested in it.

I feel the great need for more work of this character, in order

that we may have a good
foundation for the faith that is
in us! At present we are working
too much on empirical lines, in
the absence of adequate anatomical
study of the floral structure.

I should much like to hear
your opinion of Miss Dixon's work.

I am accumulating material for
a paper on phylogeny, but am
not ready for publication, having
too much other work on my hands
at present. I shall be grateful
for reprints of any of your papers,
or more of your students.

With kindest regards

Very sincerely yours
J. R. D. Dwyer