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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.

from Gamble

April 19. 1924

HIGHFIELD,
EAST LISS,
HANTS.

TELEPHONE,
EAST LISS RV 10.

My dear Peain

Many thanks for your kind
letter of 16th. I am very glad to be
over the Gamopetalae though really
I quite enjoyed the Acanthaceae
which always have interested me.
But I refused to have anything to
do with pollen-characters, knowing
how impossible they are for field
botanists in India. I am now
pushing on for my Part VII which
ought to take me almost up to
quite into the monocotyledons. I
don't know, personally, so much

about there, but I hope I may be
able to follow up the F. B. I. all
right - as you say, the late Fami-
lies have been known to be
interested and J. D. Hooker is much
easier to follow than C. B. Clarke.

We have not been at New
since mid-February. After our
return home then, we both went
down with influenza, and had
a pretty bad time. My wife
soon got over it as she always
does with her wonderful constitution,
but I am myself still in the

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grip, more a loss, of the
after-effects. And so, time after
time, my doctor has advised against
my leaving home, and indeed I
think I was well to keep at
home during those horrid S. E. winds.
However, we hope to go up on the
28th now that the weather is
better, but I shall have to go
rather slow as I find I get
tired rather easily and the exer-
cises I am trying.

I am very glad you have been
able to start the Forest Products
Research Board in the right way

but I can well understand that you
will not be sorry when you can
give over charge and get a good
cost.

I have written to Will about the
Ganges Plain Flora. Duties
arrangements were, I think, with
the Govt of India - out there -
but I suppose the India office
people know about it - or perhaps
it is now the High Commissioner.
My arrangements are quite
different. I simply bring out
the book, in successive Parts,

to Prain 19-IV-1924

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EAST LISS 847 10.

an Edition of 750 copies and the
Sec. & State buys 500 copies &
give me a bonus on each Part.
The money pays the Printer's
bill and leaves me a small
sum for myself, as well as the
cost of the Edition for which
there is at present very little
sale. But the value to me is
that it keeps me in regular
work that interests me and
so I can escape the stagnation
that so many retired officers
find very irksome. The work of

It is my belief that Dr. Prain left behind him drafts and notes for nearly all the families that
remained to be done. I hope might be got hold of him if any further work was desired from him.

course, may never, at any age,
be completed by me, but I must
leave that for the future.

I was sorry to see the notice of
James Gamble's death - a curious
man! - almost without exception
the most "fanciful" man I ever
came across. He used to be offener
about the most trifling things &
then allow it to rankle.

We hope that both you and
Lady Penryn are very well - you do
not mention her so I shall take
it that she is keeping fit. Our
best regards to you both affectionately

J. S. Gamble