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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.

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

10th February, 1923.

My dear Prain,

Thanks for your letter of February 6th and February
7th, and for E.H.Mann's letter which is returned herewith and
the *Cycad* leaf.

As requested I enclose a Memorandum as to packing
of the plant and I hope Miss Vyvyan will be able to send not
only a plant but young and old leaves and cones as Dr. Stapf
suggests.

Yours ever,

Arthur Hill

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Will see about the plants for early next week.

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THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

21st September, 1923.

Dear Frain,

We have just received eighteen sheets of *Meconopsis* from Berlin with a request that you should examine them. Diels refers to them in a letter dealing with some other plants he has sent over on loan. The specimens are on loan for three months. Please let me know whether you would wish us to keep them here until you are able to come over or whether you would like to have them sent to Putney Heath.

You will be interested to hear that I mentioned the matter of the Index Kewensis at the Committee meeting of Section K at Liverpool and the subject was received most warmly by all the botanists present including Farmer, Scott, Dixon, Tansley and many others. The proposal was sent up for a grant and I have been allowed the sum of £60 for this year for assistance in the preparation of the work. This will be very useful to help in expediting the preparation of the supplement which is now nearly completed. Of course £60 is not as much as one would like to get, as I was hoping it might be possible to get enough money to pay an assistant for a complete year, not only for this present year but for years in future. I shall be very glad to know if you think it will be possible to get some additional help through the Royal Society or some other Body which deals with Government Grants, so that one could employ a whole-time assistant and so relieve our proper Herbarium assistants of much of the work of the Index Kewensis. When Pritzel comes to an end I should like to be able to put Miss Green on this work but of course she will require a much larger salary than a temporary assistant, so though for the moment the help from the British Association is partially adequate, I should like to see my way to be able to get a larger sum say next year, and so put the work on a better basis. I must say I was rather agreeably surprised that the Council of the Association were willing to make this grant. Section K asked for £100 and I think £60 is a very fair proportion to have been voted.

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The Committee Section K appointed in connection with the Index Kewensis grant application consisted of yourself as Chairman, Farmer, Wright-Smith, Rendle, and myself as Secretary. This was on my suggestion and I think the names of the Committee carried weight on the Council of the British Association.

Many thanks for your letter about Amani. I have ventured to send a copy to Kirby as I felt you had rather written it so that I could do so.

Yours ever

Arthur Hill

INDEX KEWENSIS GRANT.

Receipt.			Expenditure.		
1923.			1923.		
Oct.	Cheque	£10.0.0.	Oct. 19.	G. Dear	£2.3.9.
			Oct. 26.	do.	£2.3.9.
			Nov. 2.	do.	£2.3.9.
			Nov. 9.	do.	£2.3.9.
				Unemployment and National Health Insurance Stamps	5.0.
		<u>£10.0.0.</u>		Balance	<u>£1.0.0.</u>
					<u>£10.0.0.</u>

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

9th November, 1923.

Dear Prain,

The enclosed letter came addressed to you as Director so I opened it, but I think I must trouble you with it as you know so much more about Marcel Hardy than I do. I am sorry to bother you in the matter but I do not feel that I am competent to answer his letter.

Thanks for your letter of yesterday, I have passed it on to Hillier who is looking up the question about the wood. He did not know off-hand what it was, though the name was familiar to him.

Yours ever,

Arthur Hill

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Thanks for your letter recd. this morning
and for your kind promise to advise the letter to the wood.
By all means do what you think best with
regards my suggestion about assisting Brooke.

(A.H.)

Lt.Col. Sir David Prain, G.M.C., C.I.E., F.R.S.,
12, Heathview Gardens,
Putney,
S.W.15.

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY.

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10. XI. 23.

Dear Sir

As application for the
Index Kewensis part of the
Brit. Ass: has to be sent
through the Chairman, will
you kindly send on the letter
we have drafted for you to the
General Treasurer. recd. 12. XI. 23

I enclose a statement of
account for your own information
which I do not think you need
forward

Yours ever

Arthur Hill

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THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

25th March, 1924.

My dear Prain,

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd and for the list of Miss Western's books which you handed to Chipp. I quite understood that we might select books both for the main library and for the gardens library and Skan has now gone through the list which I return with a mark against those volumes we should be very glad to have. You will notice some of these we already have but another copy of some of them especially Nos. 1, 1a, 6, 12, 57, 74 and 77 would be of great use to us either at the Herbarium or in the Gardens library. Most of the other books marked 'Kew' are not to be found on our shelves and though they may not be of very great value to us it seems a very useful opportunity of acquiring them as a gift.

Then with regard to the small herbarium mainly of Swiss plants, this I think we shall be very glad to have if we may use it as you suggest for distribution purposes. Of course one or two of the books we have not marked might be useful in the same connection but I think perhaps we ought not to trade on Miss Western's generosity in that way.

Should she be wishing to present any other of the books which we have not marked to an institution I might remind you that the Tokyo Imperial University Library is appealing for books to replace those destroyed by the earthquake and several books on these lists would no doubt be very welcome there. Sir Israel Goldberg sent me down a long letter on the subject a few days ago so if you think it worth while to mention about it to Miss Western his address is - The Tokyo Library Committee, King's College, Strand.

Yours ever,

Arthur Hill

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

28th March, 1924.

My dear Prain,

Many thanks for your two letters received this morning. With regard to Lord Antrim I will let you know in the course of a day or two. Then as to Mr Western's botanical books and collections I am much obliged to you for having passed on our list of wants to Mr Western and also for asking about the botanical collection from Switzerland. I think it would be well worth our while to look through the list of common names of plants enumerated in the Index Kewensis which Mr Western was engaged upon so if you would kindly ask Mr Western to send on the sample pages you have extracted I will have them examined and let you know whether we think it would be of value to us to keep here.

Yours ever,

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Arthur Hill
P.S. Mr. Western is coming down to-morrow morning. -
Benth. Trust. We have received three vols of the Archives
do Jard. Bot. Rio de Janeiro - very useful work
Vol. III 279 pp. & 27 Plate plates. They ask for our publications
please see letter attached - Shall we send them the Jones?
I append Skan's
Lt. Col. Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E., F.R.S., note -
12, Heathview Gardens,
Putney Heath,
S.W.15.
Do you want the
duplicate copy of Vol. III?
(initials)