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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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25 Moor Mead Road
Twickenham

A. XI: 1923

Sir.

I happen to be very
interested in the Genus
Meconopsis, & I am venturing
to ask if you can tell me
when I am likely to be able
to obtain seed of *M. punicea*.
I would be greatly obliged if
you could tell me of the
best successful cultivation
of *Meconopsis* in this country.

I suppose there are some
successful growers of this
Moran genus about. I
only know of one in Scotland.
He has just sent me seed of
M. simplicifolia Bailey form.
It seems very difficult to get
fertile seed. On two occasions
Sir I. Bayley-Balfour gave
me seed, but I never had any
success with it. He told me
that it was doomed, he thought,
because of this difficulty in
gaining good seed. But the
man I know in Scotland,

alluded to, seems to be very
successful with the Genus
He's seed in quantity, (the
quality remains to be seen)
Equally so with the Ornata
group of Gentians.

I have the Kew Bulletin
containing your fine article
on "Some Additional Species of
Meconopsis" - your very interesting
article on "Mountain Poppies"
in "Country Life" July 28th 1923.

I went to see a lady the
other evening who showed me

a beautiful water-color sketch
of *Mecynopus aculeata*. I think
it was which she had made
in Kashmir, a few years ago.
She had a wonderful collection
of sketches of the flora of that
very interesting country which she
had taken to Kew to show my
precis Drums, & a Mr Drummond.

I trust you will pardon my
writing to you as I am quite
a stranger.

Yours truly

Walter S. Chamberlain