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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.

from Hardy

Berlin, Wamsee, Friedrich Karl Str. 24 Nov. 5 - 1923

Col. Sir David Prain

Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Dear Sir,

After an interval of three years during which I have been active as a delegate of the Reparations Commission & the Guarantee Committee in Berlin, studying & reporting on the state of Agriculture & Food Supply in Germany I now seek the appointment of ^{Spring to the situation in this country} Agricultural Information officer in the University of Bristol. The object of the appointment is the diffusion of practical knowledge & progress among farmers in the area served by the University.

Three testimonials (recent) are required and I should deem it a favour, could you see your way to deliver me one for this occasion. You may remember that after a short career as a teacher of Botany & Vegetable physiology (Univ. Coll. Dundee & elsewhere) under Prof. Sedgley, I have devoted the past 18 years to practical farming & the study of the technical & economic as well as social sides of Agriculture in various countries. These last three years in Germany have been most useful to me in that respect.

I hope you will see your way to grant me your support again as you have done for the past 15 years or so. If so, I should be obliged if you would

Send your testimonial to Richard Garnett Esq. Esq.
26 West Hill, Highgate, who collects & forwards the papers
for me. Communications with this country being at present
difficult & slow.

I remain your most obliged and
most sincerely

W. E. Hare