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All communications should be
addressed to—

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>