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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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My dear Sir David Poirie 8th January, 1924.

Just a week ago I sent you my second volume with accompanying letter, and two days thereafter received your kind and interesting letter.

I regretted to learn of the continued serious indisposition of your sister-in-law, and of the natural strain that must have fallen to Lady Poirie to bear. I do trust that both may soon and steadily regain a good measure of health. If I may suggest, would not a trip for a month or six weeks to the Riviera for both of you, be a helpful and health-giving experience. I speak thus from a lasting sense of personal benefit. Antibes, Menton, etc. are quiet and truly delightful places.

Here we have had an extremely mild and sparkling autumn-winter till a few days ago, when frost came.

But we have had as yet practically no snow. The next two months however may bring a sharp and marked change.

I was very glad to note that by kind skill of Dr. Hays, and aided doubtless by Dr. Hill and others from "The Botanical Magazine" is not only to continue, but to progress steadily to ever better states. He prizes the entire suite greatly, and constantly use the volumes in our advanced graduate classes of 5 to 12 students. So much is this the case that some volumes of recent series have been twice rebound. It would truly, have been an international calamity from the botanical standpoint had such ceased to appear.

Dr. Hill's trip to the West Indies should be a pleasant and profitable experience. If he is by any chance to reach or pass through New York I do trust that he will arrange to give us a little of his time.

Very appropriate it was to have a memorial in Aberdeen University for

to Prain 8-I-1924

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Professor Traill, and equally so that you should have been a prime mover and also the one who dedicated it. I met him first at the Edin. Bot. Garden, where still an undergraduate student, and greatly enjoyed the interview.

For myself, some lectures here will certainly keep me here till the end of March. But I greatly hope that soon after I may be able to get free, so as to spend a few months in London - New.

My wife and Norman join me in sending sincerest good wishes for Lady Prain and yourself.

Very Cordially Yours
J. M. Macfarlane