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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 Macfarlane

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23rd April, 1924.

My dear Sir David

Just a line to let you know
that I hope to leave for London in
a few days, and so hope to reach the
Old Country in the early days of May.

Many thanks for your last
letter. I have had a note from Dr. Hill
regarding the Dr. S. S. Summary, which
I have answered. Both copies sent by
me to you are now useless, and can be
destroyed.

I trust that you and yours
are all in good health again. After
an interval of thirteen years we will
surely look older to each other, & a good
deal so, for the past dozen years have
been strenuous ones, and we respond
accordingly. To me Spring-time in the

"Fatherland" will be a great joy, specially if the day of it bring favorable weather.

In working over the genera and species of Papaveraceae, I was pleased to recall again your abundant studies - especially amongst the Indian types - as I worked over the literature two or three weeks ago. The family is, in many ways, a highly interesting one. But about the same time I had a funny experience, explain it as one may psychologically. The Berlin Garden had through Diels sent me a bundle of *Repenther* to examine and identify. All seemed old friends except three sheets that illustrated a common type on all three, and which I resolved was "new". But referring to the "Nova Guinea" *Repenther* that I overhauled about 10 years ago for Vent, I was staggered to find that I had figured and described the supposed "new" species and named it from the same island - *N. neo-guineensis*. I began to think: "Have I softening

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of the brain, or some more apt explanatory reason". It was some satisfaction however to find that the new sheets carried the distribution much further east into Germany? that was N. Guinier.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you soon, and meanwhile with best wishes

Very Sincerely Yours
John M. Macfarlane