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1st Nov. 1923

Dear Sir David Pain -

Thank you so much for your kind letter. How pleased Isaac would be to think you were going to do some justice to his father. One of his projects was to write his life when he retired. He said the longer he lived the more he saw what a wonderful man his father was but he thought he was 'hipped' (whatever that means) by his rather severe religion. I am not much good at pedigrees but Isaac was very keen on the subject and I have made out from one or two that he had the one that I enclose for you and I hope it will tell you what you want to know. I think it shows that James Hutton was a first Cousin of Isaac's paternal great Grandfather John Balfour, planter in South Carolina.

In case you have not seen the  
little sketch of the life of Prof. John Hutton  
Balfour I enclose it herewith as it  
may clear up a point or two -

If I find other papers that I think  
will be of use to you in your kind  
project I shall send them to you. There  
are one or two I think in Isaac's own

writing - one a very recent one - which  
may interest you. I expect you

have heard all that Isaac's Cousin  
Andrew Balfour said on the subject  
in a letter to Mr Grove - If not I  
~~can~~ could send you the copy of his  
letter to Mr Grove which Andrew  
sent to me.

Kindest regards to you both  
from

Agnes Bayley Balfour

By Isobell Arnoll John Balfour had a family of two sons and two daughters -

John Balfour the eldest child was born etc -

The second child was a daughter Sara born 19<sup>th</sup> April 1698. Through her the connection between the families of Balfour + Hutton was established when she married 4<sup>th</sup> February 1720 William Hutton, Merchant in Edinburgh and Treasurer of the City of Edinburgh at the date of his marriage. Sara had not a long married life. William Hutton appears to have died about 1723 - but her widowhood was a long one. She was dead about before 1781 but must have survived

until nearly that date."

The above is written in Isaac's hand and I send it as the description and dates in the pedigree which I copied exactly from one pedigree might be rather confusing.



BENFOLDS CORNER,  
HASLEMERE  
SURREY.

23. 10. 23

Dear Sir David Prain,

It is very sad that I am only now after so many months writing to you and Lady Prain to thank you for your sympathy received at the time of my dear husband's death. I hope you will forgive me and know how deeply I felt your great kindness in writing as you did. The sympathy of his friends has been a great support to me. I have been told that you are writing a memoir of him and I am so glad. I have always

felt you were such  
a true friend, and I think it was  
a great bond with us that we  
both lost our only sons in the Great  
War.

Please give Lady Prain my love

Sincerely yours

Aynes Bailey Balfour

Professor Bower kindly gave me some  
reprints of a memoir he wrote to  
give to some of Isaac's friends and I  
ventured to send you a copy but  
please do not think of acknowledging  
it.

TELEPHONE:- CITY 6850.  
(SEVEN LINES)

# The Daily Telegraph

*Fleet Street.*  
*London, E.C.4.*

17th July, 1924.

LONDON GARDENS COMPETITION.

Dear Sir David Prain,

The Proprietors of The Daily Telegraph  
desire to tender their best thanks to you for having  
undertaken the arduous duties of a Judge in the above  
named Competition.

Your impressions and opinions have been  
of great interest to the public, and personally I feel  
very grateful to you for the trouble and interest that  
you have taken in our enterprise.

I am,

Yours very truly,

*W. S. Burdett*

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S., V.M.H.,  
12, Heathview Gardens,  
Putney Heath. S.W.15.



REV. F. D. B. TORREN  
HASLEMERE  
SURREY

6<sup>th</sup> October 1923

My dear Sir David Paine,

Thank you very much for your most kind and interesting letter. It would be splendid if as you say a history of the Balfours, father & son, could be written by one who understood and where he was not cramped for space and it would please Isaac very very much. I think I told you that one of Isaac's schemes when he retired was to write his father's life and for a long time he has been collecting material.

And as to his own  
he had actually begun  
to dictate it to me but did not get  
very far - It was only a month or  
two before he died. I think all the  
same these might be better done by  
one who <sup>could</sup> look at the whole thing  
from a little distance and generalise  
and philosophise. Don't you?

Please make corrections in the  
pedigrees etc. as you find mistakes  
and there is no hurry at all about  
returning whatever I send you - just  
when you are quite finished with  
it.

I think the pedigree I enclose is  
what you ask for.

I am going to be busy for a night  
or two copying pedigree of American  
Cousins and a long account of  
Col. Andrew Balfour, brother of John

PENFOLDS CORNER  
 HASLEMERE  
 SURREY  
 Isaacs Great Grandfather,  
 for Dr Andrew Balfour, Isaacs  
 Cousin, who has just been appointed  
~~Director of the~~  
~~to~~ a Rockefeller Imperial Institute  
 of Hygiene, <sup>and</sup> is going out to America  
 immediately for a month or two  
 and he wants to show that he  
 has roots in America.

Do ask me for anything else  
 you can think of. You know  
 of course the little account of  
 Prof. J. H. Balfour in "Makers of  
 Botany" edited by Mr Oliver. I  
 believe we have quantities of  
 Prof. J. H. Balfour's Correspondence  
 too bound in ~~to~~ volumes - I  
 know there are a lot of Hooker's  
 letters for example - I would like  
 your advice as to what I should

do with that Correspondence.  
 I suppose the Edinburgh  
 Botanic Garden Library should be  
 its resting place but one does not  
 want to give it before all the  
 correspondents are dead - Perhaps  
 they are. Kindest regards

from  
 Agnes Bayley Balfour



Master Memorial Lectures

By the late Sir Isaac Bayley Balfour

The Seventh May 14, 1912 "Drought & Gardening"

Eighth June 4, 1912 "Problems of Propagation"

One of the Vice - Presidents of The Royal International Horticultural Exhibition  
1912

On the National Diploma in Horticulture Committee, Established  
Aug. 12. 1913 to 1922

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On Research Committee Established Dec. 16, 1913 to 1917

On Wisley Development Committee, Established Feb. 24. 1914,  
name altered to Wisley Gardens Committee in arrangements  
1920 [1914 - 1921]

On Committee for Prizel Revision, established Dec. 4, 1917  
to 1922

On Board of Examiners, established Mar. 26, 1918 to 1922

PENFOLDS CORNER,  
HAYLEVERE,  
SURREY.

17. 12. 23

and  
12. 7. 24

Dear Sir David Train -

Thank you very much indeed for your most kind and interesting letter, and thank you too so much for giving me a copy of your

Memoir on Sir John Kirk -

I think you mean me to keep it and if I don't hear from you that you want it back I shall do so. Sir John came once to Inverleith House when I was there and I think he told me it was the

old Professor who  
got him to go out  
to Africa in the first instance -  
met him in the street and collared  
him for a post.

I enclose a copy of a letter  
which will give you the date  
when Colonel Andrew was killed.

I doubt it will not be easy to  
find out whether he was a full  
Colonel or a Lieut. Colonel.

Cousin Dr Andrew Balfour has  
gone out on a mission to <sup>Bermuda</sup> ~~Barbados~~  
and he asked me to lend him  
for his amusement on the voyage  
a long story ~~or~~ headed "Colonel  
Balfour" and telling all about  
his death and so on. When  
Dr Andrew returns I shall get

it from him and send it to you if it tells anything about this point. I think it is quoted from a book - rather scarce - which Isaac had got hold of and in a weak moment lent it to a careless man who lost it, much to Isaac's indignation.

I began to copy the paper I lent to Dr Andrew Balfour but it was going to take so long to copy that I risked letting him have it without copying - I have just found the little bit I copied and enclose it herewith. It tells you the name of the book.

I am very grateful to you



for your kind guidance about  
the letters - To do what Sir  
Joseph did is quite what  
Isaac would have liked as he  
had a boundless admiration  
for him and it is such a help  
to have a clear line to go on.

Excuse the untidiness of  
this letter and with kindest  
regards to Lady Pain and  
many many thanks to yourself

I am Sincerely Yours

Agnes Bayley Balfour

Kindest thoughts for Xmas  
and the New Year -

MS. B. 2. 24

PENFOLDS CORNER  
HASLEMERE,  
SURREY.

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1926

Dear Sir David Prain,

Thank you for your  
kind letter.

I hope you will approve  
of the photograph I send - I  
myself think it is good and  
I don't know that it has  
ever been published -

Kindest regards to you  
both  
from

Aynes Bayley Balfour

HERBARIUM  
SURREY

29<sup>th</sup> November 1923.

Dear Sir David Paine,

Isaac published a volume  
of records of his father's excursions  
under the heading of "History of  
the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.  
Botanical excursions made by Professor  
John Dutton Balfour, in the years  
from 1846 to 1878 inclusively," in  
"Notes R.B.G. Edin., No. VII., 1902". If

you ~~the~~ like I can send you the  
volume but shall not do so unless  
you ask me.

Isaac visited Japan only once

and that was in October  
1909.

I am only too pleased to  
try to give you any data  
you may want.

kindest regards

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Aynes Bayley Balfour

P.S. Dont trouble to acknowledge  
unless you want the volume.



PENFOLDS GORING  
HASLEMERE  
SURREY

23<sup>th</sup> July 1924

Dear Sir David Pain,

I cannot express how grateful I am for your splendid memoir of Isaac. I think it is perfectly wonderful how you have collected sifted and arranged all the facts about his forebears and his own life and work and made a complete picture so that anyone who reads may know what he was like. It is all so fine and generous too. I am so glad that you brought in that he had been offered the Presidency of the Linnean Society and of the British Association for he was very proud of these two honours and thought that no one would ever

know about them. How it would have pleased him to know that in this memoir you paid so great a tribute to his memory - no easy task for it must have cost you many a days work. I thank you with all my powers of thankfulness -

I got the copies safely. It is indeed very good of you to send me so many, and I shall be proud to send them to his friends and relatives. The Balfour Clan will be much interested in what you say about the Ancestors and some of them will learn a good deal they did not already know -  
By the by - I like the portrait.

With kindest regards to you both  
Sincerely yours

Agnes Bayley Balfour

TELEPHONE No 2 ANTRIM  
TELEGRAMS. BARTON, ANTRIM

THE BUSH  
ANTRIM

18<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> '22

Dear Sir David

I wonder if you could give me the names of any ~~one~~ of the local collectors of Himalayan *Decomposis* in India or Ceylon from whom I could be likely to

get <sup>fresh</sup> seeds of some of the rarer *Sarmitis* species. As a rule I have been fairly successful in sowing these but find much difficulty in getting seeds of such as *Panicum* & some others.

Excuse my addressing this to you but I do not know your present address & also for the time I am giving you. Can I send you anything? *Panicum* are my chief hobby, I was truly & so wonderfully interested here

H. D. Barton

July 5, 1924.

UNITED UNIVERSITY CLUB,

PALL MALL EAST, S.W.1.

Dear Sir David.

I believe you have a voice in the affairs of the Royal Socy.

I wish to propose for publication by them

a translation of v. Jochels

new "Life & work of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Botanist". — viz Hofmeister.

The Royal Socy published a translation of his "Verd. Werke." a book which deeply influenced British Botany.

The present volume is under 200 pages & gives an account of his work in relation to modern



Rotary together with an  
authentic account of his later  
years by a relative.

I have Soebels consent, if we  
can find a publisher, and believe  
my brother & I could guarantee  
a trans-<sup>l</sup> into good English & good  
science. Will you think  
about this, & we could dis-  
cuss it when we meet next  
week.

Yours ever sincerely

J. O. Brown.

I regard Hopkinson as a necessary  
link to Darwin, one of the protagonists  
of the middle 19<sup>th</sup> Cent.

OFFICE OF  
THE  
Healwady Donation Fund.

TELEGRAMS,  
"DUNLUCE, WESTRAND, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE,  
GERRARD 5696.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
"THE SECRETARY."

15, Buckingham Street,  
Strand.

London, W.C.2.

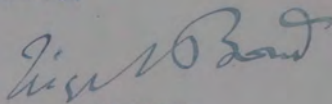
19th October, 1923.

Dear Sir David,

We have in connection with our Buildings in various parts of London a certain number of trees and shrubs, and for the management of these we are anxious to get into touch with a firm who would advise us as to their treatment and carry out the necessary work, and I write to ask whether, in your experience at Kew or otherwise, you could recommend any firm for this purpose. I should be very much obliged for any assistance you could give me in the matter.

For your private information I would add that we used to employ Messrs Neal & Son, but our experience has not been very happy. We have found them slack.

Yours sincerely,



Manager.

Lt. Col. Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S., etc.,  
12, Heathview Gardens,  
Putney Heath, S. W. 15.

Two Cavendish Corner  
Cambridge

SAVILE CLUB,

107, PICCADILLY, W.I.

Jan 25. 1924

Dear Brian

The enclosed is the proposal  
I mentioned. I shall be very grateful  
for any criticism or advice.

At the last Council we got so  
far as to strike out the words I had  
bracketed — I had put them in in  
reply to some criticism, but I pointed  
out that it would be very invidious  
selecting people from among ourselves, —  
and I was greatly relieved to get rid of  
them. Before adjourning to Thursday  
week we passed:—

"The Council is in favour of the formation  
of a list of laureate Fellows."

So I hope it will get through. If  
so, I think it will put the Linnean  
back in its rightful position, as the  
Society to which the best botanists in  
the Kingdom belong, and the  
premier scientific society in England  
after the Royal Society.

Yours sincerely

Geoff. Hilder

I think if they had kept to your  
limit and ~~had~~ selected the Fellows  
instead of having them in rotation,  
that the same end would have been  
attained by now.

With the new proposed development  
of the L.S. I think that opportunity is gone.  
They don't stay open for ever!

Opportunity



LAUREATE F.L.S.

1. The List of Fellows published by the Society shall be preceded by a list of Laureate Fellows, which shall include the names of the President and of living ex-Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Medallists.
2. Every year not more than three zoologists and not more than three botanists, of whom none shall exceed 35 years of age (after due allowance made for years spent in war-service), ~~and additionally not more than one botanist and one zoologist, who may be any age, but must be Fellows or ex-Fellows of the Society,~~ shall be recommended by the Council for election as Laureate Fellows, at a subscription of Two Guineas annually without entrance-fee, which shall entitle them to all the privileges of Fellowship.
3. The list of Laureate Fellows shall be arranged in chronological order, every name being preceded by the year in which the qualification was obtained which brings the name on the list.

G. P. B.

Jan 24. 1924.

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THE  
Hereditary Donation Fund.

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"DUNLUCE WESTRAN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE,  
GERRARD 5696.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
"THE SECRETARY."

45, Buckingham Street,  
Strand.

London, W.C.2.

5th November, 1923.

Dear Sir David,

I really am most awfully grateful for the trouble you have taken and for the apparently satisfactory result of your labours.

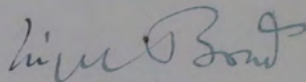
I am retaining Messrs Barrett's card and am returning herewith Mr. Hay's letter, of the first paragraph of which I have taken the liberty of retaining a copy.

I will now try and get into communication with Mr. Rodgers without delay.

Again thanking you,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,



Manager.

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S., etc.,  
12, Heathview Gardens,  
Putney Heath, S. W. 15.

INVERLEITH HOUSE  
EDINBURGH

21. July 1828

My dear Train.

Your kind letter & warm  
sympathy for Lady Train yourself  
has itself appeared & we thank  
for it. The most pleasant some  
days ago proper has been found,  
I am glad to say, under the safe care of  
about the same whom as they for  
may have done - some of the  
inclusion. But some anxiety is  
relieved - but the report contains of  
that find health to say otherwise.

apparently is somewhat different  
It was indeed kind of you to write  
& Mr. Balfour liked to think of her  
I am sure she will like you.

with kindest regards from me -

Dear Mary Balfour



MUSEUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE

CULTURE

Paris, le 29 décembre 1923

61, Rue de Buffon

TÉL. : Gobelins 08-39

10 à 11 h. - 13 à 16 h.

Mon cher Colonel,

J'ai été extrêmement sensible à la bonne lettre que vous m'avez adressée et vous remercie du précieux envoi de votre tère à part, très intéressant.

Je serai heureux si la nouvelle année pouvait vous donner, à vous aussi, une bonne santé et la réalisation de vos desirs. Il m'est agréable d'apprendre que vos nouvelles occupations vous donnent des satisfactions.

Voilà pour moi de l'air mauvais monnaie hélas !

Permettez-moi de s'arrêter enfin !

Ici, je me vois forcé de renoncer à mes travaux personnels. Avec la préparation de mon Cours, dont la matière change chaque année et avec les réunions de

Communions administratives, de Sociétés, avec la lutte  
incessante pour assurer le bon marche de mon  
service, malgré un budget très insuffisant, un personnel  
réduit et mal rétribué, je ne puis que réaliser faiblement  
le programme que je m'étais tracé. C'est même, j'ai peur  
cependant, malgré tout, l'apprécier en partie.

2<sup>e</sup> heure de la retraite assurée pour moi, mais j'<sup>ai</sup> devrai  
la satisfaction d'avoir contribué au progrès de notre  
établissement. Si l'avenir est meilleur, mon successeur  
pourra continuer l'œuvre.

Veuillez, Mon cher Colonel, agréer l'assurance  
de mon bien cordial dévouement

G. R. J.

1. R.

2. Typoth.

MUSEUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE

CULTURE

61, Rue de Buffon

TEL. : Gobelins 08-39

10 à 11 h. - 13 à 16 h.

Paris, le 17 - 3 - 1923

Cher collègue,

Ayant écrit à mon collègue  
et ami, M. Paul Kestner, 38, rue de Ribera,  
Paris, qui est président de la Société de Chimie  
industrielle, ainsi que je vous l'ai écrit, je  
lui ai annoncé que vous lui demandez  
sans doute des renseignements sur les matières  
d'origine végétale employées dans les teintures

acté  
18.3.23

des matières alimentaires, j'aime à espérer  
qu'il répandra annuellement à vos quartiers.

Je vous fais admettre la promesse de Arnelanchier  
villégiani et serais heureux si elle pourrait  
permettre à Madame Inain de posséder, dans son  
jardin, cet intéressant arbuste, venant de France,  
aux environs de Sens ou ne le trouve qu'à  
Fontainebleau; j'ai eu l'occasion de le voir  
abondant en Haute-Savoie, où j'ai passé mes  
vacances l'année dernière.

Votre tout dévoué

L. Lait.



avec mes bons souvenirs et mes meilleurs  
vœux pour l'année 1924.

D. Bois

Professeur au Muséum national d'Histoire Naturelle

57, rue Cuvier  
Paris (V<sup>e</sup>)

Laboratoire  
61, rue de Buffon, Paris (V<sup>e</sup>)

and  
17. 11. 23

Oct. 13. 1923

101 JOHNSTON TERRACE,  
HILLHEAD,  
GLASGOW.

My dear Sir David.

I have acted as desired, - made  
Comments - beauties! - and forwarded the  
letter to Hill. I think their schemes are fairly  
balanced on the whole. but prefer 1 good year of  
Pottery to two feeble ones. also I deprecate stating  
"preparation" + "research" in terms of hours. Pot  
ought only to be measured by efficiency. You as  
my experienced official will say this is high valuation:  
so it may be, but sometimes

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I am sending you a copy of my critique  
of L.P.B. do you know I am feeling  
some doubts about Edinburgh now. This great  
expensive staff + disproportionate output has been  
a subject of remark. I wonder sometimes whether  
Smith will be able to carry it along. I sometimes  
wonder whether Dixon would not have been the man.  
It's too late now, and I believe Palfour was quite  
clear. But I should like to hear what you think  
if indeed you care to say anything on so



Nov. 11. 1923.

immediately after the "great silence".

My dear <sup>Stair</sup> Stair

five years since the armistice, and see how we still are! Lord Birkenhead under-rating Idealism, and advocating force, — and all Europe still included the same way. Still, I did not begin writing BYR

& indulge in cheap moralization. But to say that last Monday I returned for the first time to Edinburgh since our friends' retirement, and

that I saw & heard has gone far to still my anxieties in that quarter. Things are a little there, and if we value the pursuit of systematic work we shall have to look more than ever to Edinburgh for the supply of young administrators. I doubt the development of any other side of the science strongly there, though all the material owners would point towards success in Forestry & agriculture. I was very much struck by the buildings now seen for the first time linked up together. It was so difficult before to realize Balfour's plan, for the panoply was not in evidence



Now the whole of that huge edifice is linked up, and will evidently be a very perfect working machine. We shall be deeply interested in seeing it work.

Meanwhile the garden shows its old liberality in material. I have got a splendid box of specimens: partly for stock, partly to supply food for one of my young aspirants who has a very delightful piece of original work coming well forward. I believe we see the opening of a new era in <sup>anatomical</sup> morphological anatomy, and it is all based on this blessed "causal morphology" which various people are talking about. But we have been and are doing here in a very practical way. What a lot of rubbish is talked in the course of science!

I thought I would just write a line of correction of my last letter of doubts to you. & with kind regards to Lady Prain I remain  
Yours ever

J. O. Bower.



Bruxelles le 23 Décembre 1922,

Cher et très honoré Sir David,

Ma femme et moi nous vous  
présentons, ainsi qu'à Lady  
Prain, nos vœux de Noël les  
meilleurs et les plus sincères.

C'est avec un très grand  
regret que nous avons appris

cette année que vous aviez  
quitté les Jardins de Kew.

Ils nous paraissent main-  
tenant si nous les revoyons,  
très différents de ce que nous  
avons connu, car l'austérité  
si aimable, la bonté si parfaite  
avec lesquelles vous en fai-  
siez les honneurs avec Lady  
Prain, restera toujours pour  
ma femme et pour moi, un  
doux et ineffaçable souvenir.

Permettez-moi de vous expri-  
mer ici, à vous même et  
à Lady Prain, les sentiments  
de profonde gratitude que je  
vous conserve pour votre  
accueil toujours si cordial  
et si bienveillant et pour  
l'intérêt que vous avez bien  
voulu nous témoigner  
avec une constance qui nous  
touche vivement et dont  
nous venons de recevoir ce

matéri une nouvelle preuve  
des vœux que vous nous  
avez adressés et dont nous  
vous remercions de tout cœur.

C'est avec une vive satisfac-  
-tion que j'ai vu reparaître  
le bon vieux Botanical Maga-  
-zine dont la suspension que  
vous m'avez fait craindre  
d'être éternelle m'avait réelle-  
-ment attristé.

J'ai nous sommes à la veille  
d'une grande réorganisation  
des installations de l'Université  
que l'on reconstruit entièrement  
sur un nouvel emplacement.

L'institut botanique sera  
placé dans un des sites les  
plus pittoresques des environs  
de Bruxelles dans une vallée  
longeant la forêt de Soignes  
au bord de magnifiques étangs  
à Rouge-Cloître, près d'Au-  
derghem. Cette situation

présentera des avantages pour  
les études de biologie mais  
l'éloignement du Jardin  
botanique aura par contre  
de grands inconvénients.

Je vous prie, cher et très  
bonjour du Dada, de bien  
vouloir présenter à Lady  
Prain mes respectueux  
hommages auxquels ma  
femme joint l'expression  
de son meilleur souvenir

et d'accepter pour vos-mêmes  
l'assurance de mes sentiments  
affectueux et dévoués.

C. Bonnier



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Bruxelles le 22 décembre 1923

Très honoré Sir David,

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Ma femme rejointa moi  
pour vous exprimer, ainsi qu'à  
Lady Brain, nos vœux les  
meilleurs et les plus sincères  
pour Noël et l'année nouvelle.

1923 a été pour moi une  
année laborieuse; notre  
Université est à la veille  
d'être transférée dans de  
nouveaux locaux beaucoup

plus vastes que les anciens  
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et toutes ses installations  
sont entièrement réorganisées.

Il faut former de nouvelles  
collections, auxquelles je désire

donner une grande extension  
en ce qui me concerne en  
s'élargissant notamment  
d'une manière méthodi-  
-que la documentation  
des herbiers

J'ai réuni une très belle  
série de grandes planches  
exécutées à laquarelle sur  
les Conifères et les Cycadiés  
qui commencent à devenir assez

importante et dans laquelle  
les fructifications sont toutes  
représentées en grandeur  
naturelle.

Il devient urgent, pour  
l'œuvre de l'Institut botanique  
de former de jeunes botanistes  
systematiciens et j'ai eu  
la satisfaction de trouver  
dans un de mes élèves un  
excellent collaborateur qui

vient de faire au Brésil  
un fructueux voyage  
d'exploration de Rio de Ja-  
neiro à l'Amazonie.

Mais l'insuffisance des  
établissements et le peu d'affinité  
des études de systématique  
pour la plupart des jeunes  
gens rendent le recrutement  
fort difficile et c'est pourquoy  
je tâche autant que possible

J'y intéresse nos étudiants.

Nous serons heureux,  
frs honn<sup>r</sup> Sir David, de  
recevoir de vos nouvelles  
et de savoir que vous et  
Madame sont en bonne  
santé. Vous n'avez pas  
à nous plaindre à point  
de vue, heureusement.

Je vous prie, frs honn<sup>r</sup>

Sir David, de bien vouloir  
faire remettre à Lady Prain  
l'expression de mes respectu-  
eux hommages avec  
celle des meilleurs com-  
pliments de ma femme  
et, en ces derniers jours  
de l'année nous vous  
envoyons à tous deux  
notre affectueux souvenir  
C. P. Bonnier



the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1922

My dear Sir,

Very many thanks for  
your kind letter and for your  
congratulations and good  
wishes which I deeply ap-  
preciate, coming as they  
do from an old friend  
for whom I entertain the  
highest regard and respect.

My son has come back.  
Yes, he ~~has~~ <sup>been</sup> run down a good  
deal as the result of his  
illness in England prior  
to his departure for India.

The voyage has, however, done  
him much good. He is almost  
quite well again and has  
joined the Calcutta School  
of Tropical Medicine. I  
hope he will prove a useful  
worker there.

He often speaks  
to me of Lady Praeger's &  
your kindness to him.  
I am deeply grateful to  
both of you for all you  
did for him during his  
stay in England. Indeed,  
I was never in anxiety for

him, ~~knowing~~ <sup>that</sup> he was under  
your parental care.

You have now  
retired from active  
work. I pray fervently  
to God that you may  
be spared long in health,  
peace and happiness to  
enjoy your well-earned  
retirement. Few men  
have served India and  
England so long and with  
such distinction in the  
Department of Science as  
you have done. May your  
noble example be followed

by younger generations both  
here and at Home.

I am keeping well.  
I try to spend my leisure  
usefully in educational and  
social service work.

With best regards to  
Lady Prain and to you, in  
which my two sons join,

Yours sincerely  
Chuni Lal Bose

Sir David Prain

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH



16 OLD QUEEN STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

Telephone: VICTORIA 7940

9th January 1924.

Dear Sir David Prain,

Lord Salisbury has fixed the conference to discuss Lord Lovat's proposals for Monday next, at 12 noon, in his room at the Privy Council Office. Sir Frank Heath hopes you will be able to attend.

The Treasury and Colonial Office are being asked to send representatives, and the Forestry Commission will of course also be represented.

Yours faithfully,

*A. F. Name*

Private Secretary.

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S.,

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17 Berkeley Place  
Wimbledon S.W. 19

3 June 1923

Dear Prain,

An attempt is being made  
- without however his cognisance - to obtain  
some recognition of Farner's work for botany  
& horticulture for economic botany  
and Bushmaster the chairman of our  
governing Body <sup>of the college</sup> has the matter in hand.  
Herbert Weight asked me if I ~~can~~ knew  
anybody who could exert any influence  
& suggested that perhaps the head of the  
Forestry Commission, Lord - (I believe  
his name begins with L) might be of use.  
Do you know whether he knows of Farner's  
work & whether if so would it be worth  
while, in your opinion, to approach him  
in the matter. I know very little of these  
things. The non-service birthday humans  
are not to be settled till July so there



is still time

Yours very sincerely  
V. H. Blockman

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

(ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.)

SOUTH KENSINGTON,

LONDON, S.W.7.

17 Berkeley Place  
Wimbledon S.W. 19

10 July 1923

Dear Poinin,

The man whom Herbert  
Weyl<sup>mentioned</sup> as being able, possibly, to give support  
to Farmer is J. A. Clinton. Has he anything  
to do with Forests or Forest Products? Weyl  
says that he knows Farmer well.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely  
V. H. Blackman

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LONDON, 12th June 1924  
W. C. 2.

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Dear Sir David,

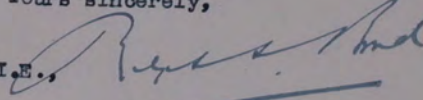
I am so sorry that your letter of the 5th inst has not been acknowledged sooner but it arrived after I had left for my Whitsun vacation and I have been delayed getting back to the office until to-day as I was run down through overwork.

It is very good indeed of you to write so fully and I am much obliged for your letter and also for the Year Book which I have received from the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society. I did not know that your Society was housed in a Government building, which of course puts it on a different footing.

I have already been in communication with the Royal Geographical Society and have ascertained that they obtained exemption under the Act of 1943. Personally, I doubt very much whether the British Institute of International Affairs can get exemption under that Act but I am taking the opinion of Mr. Konstam K.C. on the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Lieut. Col. Sir David Prain C.M.G., C.I.E.,  
12, Heathview Gardens,  
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LONDON, 3rd June 1924

W. C. 2.

Dear Sir David,

I am acting for the British Institute of International Affairs who are anxious if possible to obtain exemption from rates in respect of their new premises "Chatham House" St. James' Square. So far as I can see any claim for exemption must be put forward under the Scientific Societies Act 1843 under which any Society instituted for the purposes of Science, Literature and the Fine Arts exclusively can obtain exemption in respect of property occupied for the transaction of its business and for carrying into effect these purposes, provided:-

1. Such Society shall be supported wholly or in part by annual voluntary contributions and shall not and by its Bye Laws may not make any dividend, gift division or bonus in money unto or between any of its members, and
2. Such Society shall obtain the certificate of the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

I believe that you are the Hon. Treasurer of the Royal Society and I am wondering whether your Society has obtained



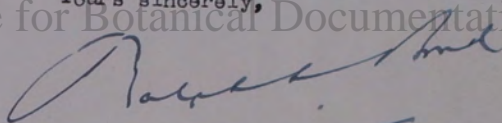
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exemption from rates and if so, whether it was under the above Act or any other. I shall be much obliged if you will let me know and also if you will let me have a copy of the Rules of your Society.

I am not sure that my Clients come within the wording of the above Act but I gather that various Societies, including the Royal Geographical Society, have obtained exemption although not strictly instituted for the purposes of Science, Literature or the Fine Arts and I rather want to find out how they have done it.

With kind regards to you and Lady Prain.

Yours sincerely,



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