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Dear Sir.

Would you be good  
enough to write a short  
appreciation <sup>(about 500 words)</sup> of the  
gardens you judged in  
the Daily Telegraph  
London Gardens

Competition? I hoped to

interview you this  
morning, but had the  
misfortune not to find  
you at home. Apparently  
your telephone number  
is not in the Directory

Sincerely

A Ralph Cooper  
The Daily Telegraph

~~Ed David Phain~~

The 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1922

My Dear Sir,

I am very grateful to Lady Main and to you for your good wishes and kindly greetings of the Season which are deeply appreciated and most heartily reciprocated. May the coming year bring with it health, joy and happiness in abundance in your home.

It is very kind of you to send me D'Arbois' Journal of the visitation of plague in London which I find very interesting reading. The book reminds me of the distressing

When I witnessed in Calcutta  
in 1897 at the commencement  
of the plague epidemic in this  
city. Its advent took the city  
by panic, and thousands of  
people, young and old, men,  
women & children, could  
be seen in continued streams  
with their belongings, not so  
much to avoid the infection  
as from dread of plague  
regulations which the people  
believed Government would  
impose upon the city. It was  
the late Sir John Woodhouse  
who very tactfully dealt  
with the situation & suc-  
ceeded in restoring con-  
fidence in the public mind.

Please accept my best thanks  
for the book

The Annual Science Con-  
gress will hold its sittings  
at Lucknow this year. It  
will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
January next and will con-  
tinue for 6 days. I am glad  
to inform you that my son,  
J. P. Don, will read a paper  
in the Medical Section of  
the Congress. It is very likely  
I shall attend the functions.

Calcutta is now full  
of life and pleasant fun-  
ction owing to the visit of the  
Viceroy. It is rather a little  
bit colder this year; the wea-  
ther is very fine and improv-  
ing. I am keeping well. My  
kindest regards to Lady Praeger  
and to your good self in which

both my sons join.

yours N. Sincerely  
Charles Linton

Sir David Brainer

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TELEPHONE: REGENT 3151.

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PALL MALL, S.W. 1.

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My dear Sir David

As the last

Meeting of the L. A. J.

Committee (which you

could not attend) it

was arranged that those

Members of the Committee who

Could be very I should  
spend the end 2 here  
but with me - from  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>.

I hope the Jo will  
join the little party.

I should have been to  
show you Sydney.

Yours truly  
A. C. C. C.



Ngairo,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand,  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1923

Dear Sir David,

Many thanks for your valued letter of March 5<sup>th</sup> which has removed my difficulties regarding my representing the Royal Society at the jubilee of Canterbury College next month. I am posting you a copy of the N.Z. Journ. Agriculture containing a Report by certain "practical" men on the regrassing experiments in Central Otago. If you could suggest any grasses, herbs &c likely to be of use for the work I should be extremely grateful. I am sending for seeds of many foreign species for the above purpose & propose to sow them myself as soon as they arrive and, later, before testing them for the plots &c testing them near here with sheep. Care must be exercised not to introduce anything likely to become a bad weed. Anyhow, it is hardly likely any weeds worse than what are already in N.Z. can be introduced. The most recent



newcomer of this kind is Equisetum  
arvense which in a certain class of  
"country" might quite well fill up  
water courses.

I am just returned from six weeks in  
the Nothofagus forests of the NW. of the  
South Island (rainfall 118 inches to 80 inches).  
Undoubtedly these forests will be the timber  
forests of this country at no very distant  
date, for they regenerate rapidly & the  
timber of N. fusca is extremely durable,  
while that of N. Menziesii can be used for  
many purposes & makes excellent furniture.

N. fusca in certain places has taken  
possession of old mining tailings where  
the large stones form mounds 12 ft. &  
more in height.

I have signed an agreement with our  
chief publishers to write for them a small  
book on the cultivation of N.Z. plants. They  
tell me the demand for such a book is very  
great.

With kindest regards Believe me,  
Yours most faithfully,  
L. Cockayne

Ngairo,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand,  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1923

Dear Sir David,

I have intended writing to you for a long time, but as one feels old time flies so rapidly that the months almost become days. I was very sorry indeed when the news reached me that you were leaving Kew, for our relations have been to me so splendid, and Kew without you hardly seems the same place. Nevertheless, it was good news to learn that your successor was not a stranger and that there would still be a friend — though not the same friend — in the great garden. Then came the pleasing information that you were still to be in harness — for what is so good as plenty of congenial work — and that the place of our intercourse was to change but not its nature. Here, too, Forestry has come to the fore, and here, too, there is problem after problem awaiting solution.

and hardly anybody with the slightest idea how to set about the business. For instance the idea is that the New Zealand taxad rain-forest can be made continuously productive, or rather that is a hope but not a belief. Anyhow, many years of well-directed research will be necessary before any true knowledge on this fascinating subject — ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> one extremely difficult to study — will come to light. It may very well be that the introduction of exotic timber-trees by means of seed may be a much more profitable process than natural regeneration, or, indeed, that the old policy of planting artificial forest, especially of Pinus insignis & hardy, quick-growing Eucalypti may not be best after all. The Department is wanting me to study the Nothofagus forests (a much easier proposition than the rain-forest) but I don't want to do it. My regrassing experiments & the introduction of & raising of likely plants for the work bid fair to give me quite enough to do.



This week the Australasian Assoc. for the Adv. of Science meets in Wellington and about 150 Australians are coming. Then, later in the year, the Pan Pacific Conference is to be held in Sydney and Melbourne and I am invited - indeed offered pecuniary assistance - but I don't think it possible to accept.

As you may know, the Royal Society has invited me to be its representative at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Canterbury College, and I have written accepting this great honour. It ~~is~~ has occurred to me that the Council will send a congratulatory letter or address to the College. Now, if so, could you tell me whether such would be sent to me, or direct to the Rector of the College? Or if no such communication is sent, or it does not arrive in time, is it my duty to prepare something of the kind as the representative of the Society?

It will be much overdue by the time this reaches you, nevertheless let me wish you a most happy & interesting 1923.

With kindest regards also,  
Yours most faithfully,  
L. Cockayne.

recd  
25.5.22



University of Aberdeen.

Department of Botany.

28/5/23

Dear Sir David,

Your of 28<sup>th</sup> on moisture paper  
was received by a morning mail. By evening I  
appreciated its contents. I had to read it

Digitalized by Herbarium Institute for Botanic Documentation  
in the very different materials which we!

However that is not the main point. I  
have a note from Dr. Kerr & now that he is a  
professional botanist he meditates joining the Linnean  
Society. He asks for my help so I thought I might  
get proposal form duly filled up and I should be  
very much indebted if you could put your signature  
at the head of proposer. If agreeable I would send  
you the form when I receive it from Dr. Jackson.

Summer term once more & numbers not  
so very much down 116 as against 125 last year  
in Elementary and 26 against 31 in Advanced.



University of Michigan

Department of Botany

Kind regards from

Yours Sincerely,  
Wm. G. Craib

P.S. Please excuse sending to official address as I  
have left private one at Tully house & can only remember  
12 Matthews Park.





ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,  
KEW, SURREY.

All communications should be  
addressed to—THE DIRECTOR.

15<sup>th</sup> September 1923.

Dear Sir David.

This is to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
enclosure from Miss Vyvyan which you  
have been kind enough to forward. I  
am taking the action you have been  
so good as to suggest.

Yours sincerely

J. V. Clapp

Lieut. Col. Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E., F.R.S.