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25 Moor Mead Road,

Twickenham.

13. XI. 1923

Dear Sir,

It was most kind of
you to reply to my letter in
respect of seed of *Meconopsis*
pinnacea so freely. I am very
much obliged to you.

I have written to Bees. & to
Mr Peter Barr. those for the best.

Yours truly

Walter S. Chamberlain

and
H. XI. 23

25 Moor Mead Road
Twickenham

A. XI: 1923

Sir.

I happen to be very
interested in the Genus
Meconopsis, & I am venturing
to ask if you can tell me
when I am likely to be able
to obtain seed of *M. punicea*.
I would be greatly obliged if
you could tell me of the
best successful cultivation
of *Meconopsis* in this country.

I suppose there are some
successful growers of this
Morris genus about. I
only know of one in Scotland.
He has just sent me seed of
M. simplicifolia Bailey form.
It seems very difficult to get
fertile seed. On two occasions
Sir I. Bayley-Balfour gave
me seed, but I never had any
success with it. He told me
that it was doomed, he thought,
because of this difficulty in
giving good seed. But the
man I know in Scotland,

alluded to, seems to be very
successful with the Genus
He's seed in quantity, (the
quality remains to be seen)
Equally so with the Ornata
group of Gentians.

I have the Kew Bulletin
containing your fine article
on "Some Additional Species of
Mercurialis" - your very interesting
article on "Mountain Poppies"
in "Country Life" July 28th 1923.

I went to see a lady the
other evening who showed me

a beautiful water-color sketch
of *Mecynopus aculeata*. I think
it was which she had made
in Kashmir, a few years ago.
She had a wonderful collection
of sketches of the flora of that
very interesting country which she
had taken to Kew to show my
friend Dunn, & a Mr. Drummond.

I trust you will pardon my
writing to you as I am quite
a stranger.

Yours truly

Walter S. Chamberlain

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

"Private"

21st April, 1923.

Dear Sir David,

With reference to your "Private" letter of the 26th instant asking for particulars of the passage in Mr. Cotton's letter on the Antromyces, I send you the following notes, which I have gathered in conversation, for your private information.

The subject arose on the production of yellow colouration in seasoned oak, and Mrs. Williamson and others presented their interpretation at the meeting of the British Mycological Society on March 17th.

Dr. Butler had previously examined a specimen of the oak and found a fungus on the surface containing yellow globules in its mycelium. This fungus on fructification was identified as a *Penicillium*. He apparently then thought he had ascertained the cause of the yellow colouration and with his limited opportunity and staff did not consider it necessary or desirable to proceed further.

By some means, which I have not been able to ascertain, the same subject was examined at the Imperial College and a team of four workers employed on it - two to work out the chemistry, one - Dr. Horne - the systematic and cultural characters, one - Mrs. Williamson - its effect on the timber.

The result of their exhaustive investigation, apparently carried much further than Dr. Butler had the opportunity to do, was that another and similar fungus, an *Eidamia*, also containing yellow globules was found in the inside of the wood and ascertained to be the primary cause of the colouration.

I/

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

I gather that Dr. Butler felt he had been "let down" in that his opportunity and staff for working out this particular problem had not been sufficient to enable him to deal with it in the exhaustive manner that it had been undertaken at the Imperial College.

As I stated, this is the information I have gleaned in conversation and as such I would rather it be considered private as you suggested in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

7. R. Chapp

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE DIRECTOR.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

17th July, 1923.

Dear Sir David,

Some two years ago when in West Africa I was concerned in a proposal ~~to be~~ forwarded concerning the development of Forest Research work. At the time the proposal was not entertained.

In the Autumn the Director suggested the idea again to Professor Troup ~~and~~ communicated with the Colonial Office and a meeting was convened with Mr. Ellis as Chairman, but no conclusion was arrived at.

Major Furse was very interested in the scheme, however, and last week another meeting was called at the Colonial Office under the Chairmanship of Sir Herbert Read who appears very interested in the proposal.

As Professor Troup left for Canada the following morning Sir Herbert requested me to draw up a memorandum embodying the views of Professor Troup and myself. This he wishes to put before the West African Governors who are all home at present. The possibility of the success of the scheme, therefore, seems to depend on the presentation of the case in this memorandum. The Director will not be back in time to read it before I send it, but this is not so important, as he is quite conversant with the idea and strongly supports it. I shall be very grateful, however, if you will be so kind as to glance through this rough draft and if you will be good enough to favour me with your criticisms on my marshalling of the facts and general arguments.

For reference I attach Professor Troup's comments on my original memorandum, the points of which are embodied in the present draft.

I/

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

I trust you will pardon me troubling you but
your experience is so valuable that I feel I must
try to obtain the benefit of it.

Yours sincerely,

7. *W. C. Clegg*

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aged
25.3.20



"Country Life"
Tavistock Street:
GARRICK CLUB W.C.2.
W.C.2.

Dear Sir David Prain,

You may remember that I
was out with Fanner in Burma and
that I had the pleasure of calling on
you once with Kingdon Ward. I am now
'Gardening Editor' of the "Country Life"
which we are trying to improve by the
inclusion of really good articles. I am
very anxious to have you on the
committee & wonder if you would
undertake it for us, for there is no one

who know them like yourself. What you
like is an article of about 2000 words
which will have a wide appeal and
not too technical. I have excellent
photographs taken in Edinburgh of
M. simplifolia and *M. sinuata latifolia*.
I should be so grateful if this could be
done.

Yrs sincerely

J. H. M. Cox



Country Life

GARRICK CLUB

W.C. 2

27/4/23

Dear Sir David,

Many thanks for your letter. There
is no immediate hurry for the magazine
article, as long as it can appear
during flowering time. I wonder if you
could help me by telling me if you
know anyone who could write articles
on herbaceous plants for "Country Life".
It is the one section which I cannot
cover.

Yrs sincerely

Ernest Cox

53 DEAN'S YARD.
WESTMINSTER.

15 Dec 1923

My dear Sir David

Your young wife have
suffered. & that makes your sym-
pathy more full of meaning. In
your grief. she grieves for you. &
she always spoke & thought of you
most tenderly & lovingly. In
devotion I cling to those who
knew what she was - my
guide, & inspiration. without whom it
seems impossible to live. Lady Praeger

has written most kindly & I
shall write to her

Very truly yours

H Craik

Craik, Henry (1846-1927)
Scot. Politic. and Man of Letters

and truly,
yours
A. Moff.

RUMLEIGH,
BERE ALSTON,
DEVON.

3 Jan 1924

My dear Prain

I was very glad to get your letter and
your news, and I wish also to thank you
warmly for your Selbourne Address.

This last I found most interesting as everything
relating to Gilbert White has been to me for
a long time past. For several years I kept
careful records of the first appearance of
birds and wild flowers and it was very
seldom that I found my dates anticipating
those in White's Diary, which only shows I
dancy that he was a more careful observer
of first appearances than I was.

Many thanks, I can give a very fair
account of my health considering my
age which is just a month short of 83
I am a bit deaf, and my eyesight sel-
dom no better, so that all my reading and

writing have to be done by deputy. But I
get out every day and when summer time
comes I hope to get much enjoyment out
of the flowers and shrubs which grow luxuriantly
in many parts of it. My latest interest is
a good sized Herbaceous border, which was
begun at the close of 1922 and was a headache
and a joy throughout the spring and summer
of 1923. Then in May I look forward to an
abundance of rhododendrons, and there is also
a Judas tree whose profusion of blossoms is a
great asset to the garden. I find the Judas
tree when well grown here much more attractive
than it is in Italy, where the flowers drop before
the leaves begin, while in this garden at least
the ^{young} leaves and flowers flourish together, forming a
beautiful combination. As I think I have often said
before it would give me great pleasure to see
you and Lady Prain here at Rumleigh if ever
you are in these parts and have a few days to
spare. Stuart Bayley is a frequent visitor
to us at Rumleigh and much enjoys getting away
from town to these quiet parts where the whole family
are much in love with him. He is looking forward
to coming here again in March or April, but he is now 87
and I fear his visits will have to come to an end before
very long. But he has been a wonderfully active man, up to a
quite recent ~~date~~ date. With my best wishes for 1924 to

from Cundall

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.



RICHMOND DIVISION of the SURREY BRANCH.

4 Marchmont Gardens, RICHMOND.

25th April 1924

Dear Sir David Peain,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, the motor ambulance supplied by the Head Office of the Red Cross Society to the Richmond Division has become worn out (it was a military one which had seen service in France) application was made for a new one. The Head Office agreed to provide a new and lighter ambulance, if £10 per annum were paid to the Ambulance Replacement Fund. The surplus of the Hospital was invested by the Charity Commission in War Bonds. The interest being paid

into the Richmond Bank and placed on deposit, thus interest on interest has been received. This has been going on for nearly five years, and owing to very little interest being shown by members of the V.A.S. since the War none of this money has been required for the purpose it was intended. Mr. Edgar and a majority of the ^{members of} Committee agreed that the Charity Commission should be asked to allow the ten pounds to be paid out of the fund. As there was no other business to lay before the Committee Mr. Edgar decided the application should be made to the Charity Commission and reported to the next meeting of the Committee. The new ambulance is now ready to be delivered. Mr. & Mrs. Edgar, as you are probably aware, have gone to South Africa and will not return before the autumn. Of course, the most business like way would have been to have called a Special Meeting

to Prain 25-IV-1924



BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

RICHMOND DIVISION of the SURREY BRANCH.

RICHMOND.

If you should think it desirable
I can call a meeting.

With kind regards, and trusting
I have given you all the information
you require

Yours sincerely
H. H. Fundall

P.S. I have been in correspondence
with the Charity Commissioners
for more than six months.

Notices of the alteration of the
Scheme have been posted on
the doors of the Town Hall and
Parish Church.

2nd 8.7.23
THE GARDENERS' CHRONICLE LTD

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

TELEPHONE NO 1543, GERRARD.

Telegrams,
"GARDCHRON," LONDON.

No. 5, TAVISTOCK STREET,
COVENT GARDEN, W.C.2

44 Wellington Street, Strand, W.C.

London 6th July, 1923.

Sir David Prain,
12, Heathview Gardens,
PUTNEY HEATH, S.W.15.

Dear Sir David Prain,

Many thanks for the MS of your address on the occasion
of the tercentenary celebration at Oxford. Sir Frederick Keeble
sent the MS along to me, and I have had it set up, and ordered
a proof to be sent you. I shall be very greatly obliged if you
can correct and return it by Monday next.

Yours faithfully,

Charles W. Tutin

MANAGING EDITOR.

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LONDON, W.C.2 9th October, 1924.

Sir David Prain,
12, Heathview Gardens,
PUTNEY HEATH, S.W.15.

Dear Sir David Prain,

It is with very great regret that I learn from this morning's Times that an old friend, Dr. W.B.Hemsley, has passed away. As you were associated with him for a long time, I shall be extremely obliged if you would write an appreciation of our old friend for the next issue of the Gardeners' Chronicle. If you could let me have the MS by the end of this week, I could let you have a proof in time to correct it for our next issue.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. A. Curtis *per dx*

MANAGING EDITOR.

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COVENT GARDEN, W.C.2

11, Wellington Street, Strand, W.C.

London 12th July, 1913.

Sir David Prain,
12, Heathview Gardens,
PUTNEY HEATH, S.W.15.

Dear Sir,

Under separate cover I am posting you six current issues of the Gardeners' Chronicle containing your "History of the Oxford Botanic Garden." I am also instructing the Printer to let me have half a dozen pulls of the article,

which I will also send you in case you would like to paste them up.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Curtis

MANAGING EDITOR.

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7. 11. 24

TEL: PARK 3559.

6 April 1924

14, PALACE GARDENS TERRACE,
KENSINGTON, W. 8.

My dear Frazer

I have learnt so
many interesting facts
in botany from you
that I am sending me
of the first copies of
the 2nd Edition of the
"Apothecaries' Garden"
hoping that you will
do it the honour to
accept it -

Yours sincerely
J. D. Dewar

have them at hand
some day - for this
Political - sermonical
bearing of what you
say seems to me
of considerable importance.

It was a pity it
rained so - on the 4th -

We have been spending
the bank holiday at
the Botanical for Regent's
Park - the rocky island
was looking better than
we have ever seen it -

Please don't answer
Soet Thine
F. D. Darwin

24 Aug

1924

TELEPHONE 2320.

Parkely Hotel.

Albany, N.Y.

S. Leonard & Son

14, PALACE GARDENS TERRACE,

KENSINGTON, W. 8.

Dear Prain

Will you kindly
look at the enclosed
Report I sent in
over your letter (Oct.
1 Physicians -) and
tell me if more sh^d.
be added to it, or

anything deleted?

Our kindest regards

to you & Lady Prain -

This is a pleasant spot
more than 200 ft. above
the trippers - overlooking
Perensy Bay

Yours truly

F. D. Diewith

[F. D. Diewith]

B We hope you are having
a good holiday -

BOTANICAL SOCIETY AND EXCHANGE CLUB OF
THE BRITISH ISLES.

G. CLARIDGE DRUCE.

YARDLEY LODGE,
CRICK ROAD,
OXFORD.

Jun 2 1923

My dear Dr. Druce

I am delighted to hear
you are giving the
address on the Terrestrial
at Oxford.

Thank you for the note
for which I enclose Receipt
The Herbarium at Oxford is celebrated
for its Moroccan (Abbat.)
Thurberian, ^{Herb} Du Bois Collection,
Dillenian types of Linnæus & the
plants of R. G. S. S. S., perhaps from
Kant, and we have an old Italian

TO THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF THE
TREASURY AND COMMISSIONER OF THE
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 10/6 (See New Year Bot. Soc. 186
Report)

With Kindest regards
Yours truly
J. D. S.

YARDLEY LODGE,
9, CRICK ROAD,
OXFORD.

Nov 5/907

My dear Sir,

I trust the change of
Residence has proved
a pleasant one for you,
and that you are enjoying
otium cum dignitate amid
your beautiful surroundings.

I enclose a few more species
to trouble you and wish to

congratulate & thank you

I am yours sincerely
S. G. Oliver

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Bryce and H. H.
1900

Dr. Druce

TELEPHONE N° 102 X

118, HIGH STREET, OXFORD.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS, DRUCE, HIGH ST, OXFORD.

My dear Sir

Dec 7/1904

I enclose the specimens
sent in to the Botanical Exchange
Club this year but I am
afraid there is nothing of
special interest.

On *Leishmania* Brown's No. 51
is a new form to me.

The numbers 50-59 &
and 100-54 will be given
Every effort to distinguish them by

✓ 10/10/1885
10/10/1885

rup. thyridioides
Gra. uncinata

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Scottish Society for Research in Plant-Breeding.

CRAIGS HOUSE,

CORSTORPHINE,

Hidlothian
4th July 1922

Lt. Col. Sir David Peair, C.M.G., C.I.E., etc.

12 Hawthorn Gardens

Putney Heath London S.W. 15.

Dear Sir David,

As a result of recent conversations with Professors Bower and Tany, I have decided to become a candidate for the Glasgow Chair. I am by no means dissatisfied with my present appointment. But the advantages of the Glasgow Chair are obvious, and it makes a special appeal to me, because of my long association with and intimate knowledge of the Department there. It also seems to me that I might in the long run be able to do more to promote the interests of Agriculture and generally to link up Applied Botany with academic research from Glasgow than I could hope to do in my somewhat detached position here. It is quite possible that there will be candidates of greater seniority and distinction with whom I can

scarcely compete. On the other hand, I believe I could
make out a good claim for consideration as against
competitors of my own standing. I trust I may count
on your approval and support and, in particular, should
be grateful if you would permit me to include
your name in my list of referees.

Please do not trouble to reply to this letter meanwhile, as
I expect to meet you at the Imperial Conference next
week.

My address from the 4th to the 16th inst is :-

68 FORDWICH RD

BRONDESBURY LONDON N.W.2.

Yours sincerely

Montagu Cunningham.

KEW GUILD.

ERNEST G. DUNK,
Secretary.

197. Kew Road,
Kew,
Surrey.

Ref. No.....

April 12th, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

I regret to have to trouble you again in reference to our Kew Guild Funds, but we have been notified by the Westminster Bank that our £300 in 3½% Stock has been inscribed in 5% Stock, 1935-1955. Will you please sign the attached Dividend Request authorising Mr. Coutts as Treasurer to receive the dividend warrants as they become due. With anticipated thanks and kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Ernest G. Dunk.

P.S. Will you please post the form and the accompanying letter to Mr. Watson to save time?

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EAST BERGHOLT PLACE,
SUFFOLK.

Dear Sir David

Would you mind telling
me if Lord Auckland, after
whom Hooker named *Rhodod-
Aucklandii* in 1851, was
then Governor General of
India, and, if not,
could you tell me what
post Lord Auckland
the held?

Please don't let me
trouble to make any
search in regard to
this query but I venture
to

to bother you in the hope
that you may be able
to give me the information
off hand -

Millais in his "Rhod^{us}"
speaks of Lord Auckland
as Gov. Gen. of India but
in Hooker's life I can
only find reference to
Lord A as "Minister for
War."

Yours Sincerely
Charles Eley

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EAST BERGHOLT PLACE,

SUFFOLK

My dear Sir David

How very kind of
you to write me at
such length about
Lord Auckland. What
you say clears up a
suspicion that I always
had regarding the common
belief that Lord A. was
in India during Hooker's
great expedition into
the Sikkim Valley - and
I believe that Millais
is under this misapprehension.

Hooker & Lord A. did not meet
until 1847. can.

What you say about Lord A.
is very likely to be true
but at the same time
Lord A. did give Hooker
his first great start in
India & died at a time
(1850) when Hooker's
mind must have been
pretty full of the amazing
Rhod^{on} which he then
~~discovered~~ ^{discovered} himself to be
the discoverer & his mind
ought to have turned towards
his patron rather than his patron's
wife! Yours very sincerely
Charles Eley

Ans'd
18.9.22

TELEGRAPH-COLESBORNE.
STATION--
CHICHESTER OR CHELTENHAM.

4. Sept 22

from Elwes

COLESBORNE, S.O.,

GLOS.

My dear Sir David
This long since I heard from you
as my feeble state of body & inability to speak
which is my greatest trial makes it impossible to
Eave home, and if my hand becomes too shaky
to write, I may not be able even to have that means
of communication. The garden is however in a bath
chair still a source of great pleasure & interest
& when staff sent me the complete list of the
volume of Bot Mag for this year I find to my surprise
& joy enough of my plants in it to complete the
century, which commenced with my snowdrop
as long ago 1816. Whether such a collection is
worth the trouble or not I have it, as I believe it is
unique for a private gardener. And I hope that
you are as satisfied as I am with the way in which
the B. M. is being carried on at Kew.

Now you have often given me good advice, which I
believe I have always followed. & I will ask it again
you remember my asking you whether you would
for a sufficient honorarium be willing to
undertake the editing of the journals, reminiscence
of travel & numerous publications on

Ornithology, Lepidoptera, & horticulture,
collections from which, my friends & relations
have long begged me to publish
Up to me that for 3 years you would be too
much occupied, with other work. Even if it
was published in my lifetime which is now
obviously impossible - & probably not desirable -
It would have been a troublesome task because
I have dabbled in so many different pursuits
& few people know how hard it is for a man
who for all the best years of his life has been
~~compelled~~ compelled to give a great deal of time
& energy to the superintendence of one of the most
difficult & unprofitable estates in England
to pick up the rudiments of knowledge which
were necessary for scientific work. After
20 years of this, I realised in about the beginning
of the century, that forestry was the only form
of industry, which combined with sheep breeding,
might be carried on without such heavy
financial loss as my father, & my son have both
incurred in trying to do what I believe now to be
impossible. All I can say is that it is the only
estate for miles round, which owing to similar
causes has not changed hands - in most cases

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to Sir David 9-IX-1922

TELEGRAM-COLESBORNE.
STATIONS--
GIRENGESTER OR CHELTENHAM.

more than once, in some case
4 or 5 times and since

COLESBORNE, S.O.,

GLOS.

the agricultural depression

which began in the seventies came about
through causes entirely beyond our control.
I am convinced that what E. S. Smith told me
a year ago - and who is a better judge than he
that "Land owning as we have known it is dead
in England" is true, & that no amount of science
skill, energy & industry, will enable crops
to be raised at a profit on such land as I inherited
and as for the time being the economic basis
of forestry has completely disappeared in England
at least. (I exclude Scotland from this disability)
the future is very gloomy for Coleborne.
You will say rightly that you cannot blame me on
this. What I want to know is, can you suggest
any man who would undertake what
Sir Redenck more ^{told me you} undertakes when I asked
him to do what you could not do. He has always
been sympathetic to my work & accepted as I
thought willingly, to ^{completely} ~~completely~~ ^{completely} do the horticultural
& forestry side of the work only. I have
another friend Sluchland by name, a
member of our club, & a good man who
undertook the rest. I then set apart a sum
of £2000 which my speculators should

words as a guarantee to publishers for
printing, plates & expenses & to pay for their own
work & expenses, and I thought I deemed
all satisfactory. Now whether the trouble,
in Dublin are making Moore unsettled,
or whether as I fear, I begin to realise the
difficulties of his task, increased by his
own difficulties of a very shaky hand; he
seems to be inclined to change his mind,
if I can find someone to take his place.
And as such a job unless more really congenial
is not likely to be what we hoped for.
I am considering whether to ask
someone else. Pitchard, Dawson, & Henry
have all volunteered assistance in the way
of details. so far as the forestry part goes
and as that is really I think the only part
of my life's work, which has any permanent
& economic value, as my friends say it will have
it may be that Moore feels himself too
weak in position to form correct judgements.
Now I have told you, as much as I am up to
to say, and as I don't know your address
must send it to be forwarded from New. I hope
that you & Lady Probyn are both enjoying
your freedom. & that if ever you come to come
here you will say so. believe me
Yours very sincerely W. H. W.

Jan 6th 1823

COLESBORNE, S.O.,
GLOS.

Dear Sir David

Your very kind letter
in which your Lady Blessid send
me such kind sympathies. Should
have been acknowledged before this
but I know you will forgive me
as there has been so much for me
to do & to write - since my great loss.
It is a help to read such kind
words as yours about my
husband & I know he would

have said that you & Lady Bacon
had always given him so kind
a welcome at New which he
appreciated so much. New had
been always very near his heart
& I think he kept up his interest
in botany & horticulture & his recy-
cles & his mind was quite clear
about his lands & his interest in
them. He spoke of them home so
often & the loss of all he could tell me
makes everything very sad to me
now. Hope Sir Frederick is
arranging his Botanical & Arboreum
notes now with a hope of publishing them
Again thanking you very gratefully for a very kind
letter & sincere regards to Mrs. & Miss

TELEGRAMS, COLESBORNE.
STATION—
CIRENCESTER OR CHELTENHAM.

COLESBORNE, S.O.,

GLOS.

PS I forgot to say that
I am going away a lot of
my books to friends who
will make more use of
them than my successors can do
~~let~~ if you would come &
choose ~~the~~ something in this
way yourself or perhaps
a picture, or piece of
furniture made from my
wood I should be very
pleased if you will accept it
in ~~exchange~~
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IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

(ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.)

SOUTH KENSINGTON,

LONDON, S.W.7.

16th June 1934.

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S.,
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research,
16 Old Queen St.,
S.W.1.

My dear Prain,

Many thanks for your letter, and not so many thanks for the large voluminous file! I spent most of yesterday going carefully through it. I am sorry to see that the scheme is becoming more and more a local one. We had much larger ideas at the time of its inception. However, we can discuss the matter when we next correspond. I believe I am in the Chair, and expect to have two guests so I shall not be, perhaps, quite so free as I could wish, but if not I may come over to the Department next week and we will have our talk there.

Yours ever,

B. Farmer

and
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TELEPHONE
PARK 4053.

27, YORK HOUSE,
CHURCH STREET,
KENSINGTON, W. 8.

October 9. 1923

My dear Miss

You will remember that a short
time ago we had some conversation about our mutual
friend - Graham of Medicine.
I am very anxious to hear him made an L.D. of
Aberdeen.

Prof. Arthur Mackintosh has promised me to advocate
his claims in the Senates and he would very much
like to have a few lines from you in Graham's
favour.

Arthur Keith has already done so at my request.

Mackintosh's address is 9 Bon-Accord Square
Aberdeen

Yours very sincerely
David Tennie

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN



Please forward

To Sir David Prain F.R.S

The Royal Society
Burlington House
Piccadilly London W

to me W. L. G. Frager, (The College is a bound. 1805) Trinity
 City, Cambridge - we hope next year to be more
 London. I am not sure I shall be able to do any
 Card & say if you have any instances of Mistletoe
 growing on the ilex, not only in Gt. Britain, but
 say in Italy. Where Virgil made it grow? It is a
 more - life enquiring. in this Cambridge retreat
 where we work far too much, both of us. We
 are at last ready for a holiday so kindly
 send card address
 W. L. G. Frager
 21.5.24

March 30-1923

NEW
SPRING
till April 30

My dear Paris

Your kind letter of 3rd March
asked me to work to try & present
the future progress of my flora.
Originally, I had estimated for 8
Parts, but from what I can see
at present, your estimate of
another 4 will hardly be enough.

I am struggling as with Acanthaceae
of which there are no and - nearly
50 species in *Strobilanthes* alone!

There are many Labiales some
of two genera & whole - Coler
Plectranthus, Leucas - may give
a little trouble. Both Euphorbiaceae
and Urticaceae will have many
species and I shall be fortunate
if I can finish the Dicotyledons
within P^o VII.

(The India Office wants me to
do P^o VI by this time next year.
I shall have to struggle hard to
do it.)

I think that, including the introduction
which I had better set to work to
write by degrees - the Family Key
and the Index it will take 10
Parts or the whole or nearly 200
pages.

I thought that this estimate
might interest you.

We go home Easter Tuesday - I
am much worried with a bad
cold, caught somewhere - perhaps
from some Portuguese person in

the crowd at the Boatrace -
the finish of which we saw
excellently at Hunt Lake.

Will has gone off to Haverhill for
a couple of days - I fancy he will
be back for Monday. We saw
Ridley a few days ago in a butcher's -
looking very thin & worn, we can
only hope he will get over it.

My wife joins me in best
regards to you both - we love to
hear of you. Lady Francis who she likes, is very well.
Yours sincerely, J. S. Fairbanks

from Gamble

April 19. 1924

HIGHFIELD,
EAST LISS,
HANTS.

TELEPHONE,
EAST LISS RV 10.

My dear Peain

Many thanks for your kind
letter of 16th. I am very glad to be
over the Gamopetalae though really
I quite enjoyed the Acanthaceae
which always have interested me.
But I refused to have anything to
do with pollen-characters, knowing
how impossible they are for field
botanists in India. I am now
pushing on for my Part VII which
ought to take me almost up to
quite into the Kewobotanists. I
don't know, personally, so much

about there, but I hope I may be
able to follow up the F. B. I. all
right - as you say, the late Fami-
lies have been known to be
interested and J. D. Hooker is much
easier to follow than C. B. Clarke.

We have not been at New
since mid-February. After our
return home then, we both went
down with influenza, and had
a pretty bad time. My wife
soon got over it as she always
does with her wonderful constitution,
but I am myself still in the

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HIGHFIELD,
EAST LISS,
HANTS.

grip, more a loss, of the
after-effects. And so, time after
time, my doctor has advised against
my leaving home, and indeed I
think I was well to keep at
home during those horrid S. E. winds.
However, we hope to go up on the
28th now that the weather is
better, but I shall have to go
rather slow as I find I get
tired rather easily and the exer-
cises I am trying.

I am very glad you have been
able to start the Forest Products
Research Board in the right way

but I can well understand that you
will not be sorry when you can
give over charge and get a good
cost.

I have written to Will about the
Ganges Plain Flora. Duties
arrangements were, I think, with
the Govt of India - out there -
but I suppose the India office
people know about it - or perhaps
it is now the High Commissioner.
My arrangements are quite
different. I simply bring out
the book, in successive Parts,

to Prain 19-IV-1924

HIGHFIELD,

EAST LISS,

HANTS.

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TELEPHONE,
EAST LISS 847 10.

an Edition of 750 copies and the
Sec. & State buys 500 copies &
give me a bonus on each Part.
The money pays the Printer's
bill and leaves me a small
sum for myself, as well as the
cost of the Edition for which
there is at present very little
sale. But the value to me is
that it keeps me in regular
work that interests me and
so I can escape the stagnation
that so many retired officers
find very irksome. The work of

It is my belief that Dr. Prain left behind him drafts and notes for nearly all the families that
remained to be done. I hope might be got hold of him if any further work was desired from him.

course, may never, at any age,
be completed by me, but I must
leave that for the future.

I was sorry to see the notice of
James Gamble's death - a curious
man! - almost without exception
the most "freaky" man I ever
came across. He used to be offener
about the most trifling things &
then allow it to rankle.

We hope that both you and
Lady Penryn are very well - you do
not mention her so I shall take
it that she is keeping fit. Our
best regards to you both affectionately

J. S. Gamble

Pearse

OS. THE GREEN,
NEW,
SURREY.

June 27. 1924

My dear Pearse

On receipt of your letter
of 24th I sent instructions for the
box of books to be sent off to
the address you gave and I
have now heard from home that
it has been despatched. I hope
the authorities will find that
all is correct. I shall send the
rest of the current volume

completing his so at the end
of the year. Many thanks for
settling this matter - in these
hard times it is a little help
to be able to sell some of our
property that is not urgently
wanted. I can always see
the hnd. for. when I come here.

We go home on Monday -
I am afraid I must abandon
any idea of the conference

and stick to my job. I cannot
spare time now for what are
really 'side shows' - if ever
I am to come over to finishing
it. Still will represent
my few suggestions adequately
I hope.

My wife joins me in best &
warmest regards to you both
Yours sincerely

J. S. Gamble



UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CLUB,

21, GOWER STREET, W.C.1.

Dear Sir David:

Feb. 29. 24

You will remember my writing nearly a year ago. Since then I have tried hard to forget, but it has been impossible. Recently I wrote him a hurried letter which I am sure was misunderstood, and now I am more wretched than ever about it. I wish I had appealed to you as a friend for advice before I wrote. As I can see no other way out I am resolved never to marry at all, although that is, particularly to me, a great and terrible deprivation.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

R. Huggles Bates

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CLUB,

21, GOWER STREET, W.C.1.

Dear Sir David,

Mar. 25. 24

lest you might receive
 a contrary impression, I should
 like you to know that I am by
 no means satisfied with conditions
 at King's. Personally I am on
 excellent terms with them all so
 far as I am aware, but the views
 of the majority with regard to the
 development of the University appear
 to me to be fundamentally retrograde
 and contrary to the best interests
 of scientific teaching. It would
 be a great relief to me to be able
 to get away to an institution

Where there is some chance for
growth and progress. I can
see no chance for either under
present conditions, and my
feeling is that their policy is
contrary to the welfare of
University Teaching in London,
so far as science is concerned.

Yours Sincerely

R. B. Bates



UNIVERSITY OF LONDON CLUB,

21, GOWER STREET, W.C.1.

July 3. 24

Dear Sir David:

I heard some time ago that Bower was retiring this year, but I have not seen the post advertised. I thought of going in for it as it seems to me a great opportunity. There is no basis for the statement that I would not accept if offered it, although naturally one would wish to see the Laboratory

first.

Wm. Sweeney
L. R. Gate



Београд, 6 January 1923
Belgrade, le

Studenic No. 54.

Dear Sir David,

For your kind letter,
dated 1. January and good wishes
for New Year I am very thankful
and much obliged to Lady
Prain and Yourself, and am
sending again my best wishes
for New Year, in which join me
my wife and my little daughter
Violeta. She is now 20 months, and
a sweet little girl, the joy of
whole family.

I am very glad in hearing
that both, Lady Baine and yourself
are well, and hope you shall
enjoy your deserved rest in
your new home for long time.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J. P. George

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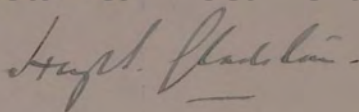
20th August, 1923.

Dear Sir David,

The name of the book which I thought you might
like is "The Social Life of Scotland in the 18th Century",
by Henry Grey GRAHAM, published by A. & G. Black, 1901.

I shall be much indebted to you if you can refer me
to any books (by Cosmo Innes, or others) which might give me
information as regards the presence of the Great Bustard in
Scotland.

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Col. Sir David Brin,
12 Heathview Gardens,
Putney Heath,
LONDON, S.W.16.

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30. ix. 24.

Capenoch,
Thornhill;
Dumfriesshire.

Dear Sir David,

I shall not soon forget — though
I must regret that I cannot remember
all — the conversation we had at
Foxwarren Park.

I should be very glad to do what
I could to discover the fate of the books.

What you told me were interesting by
Sir Robert Buchanan Trenchard of Castlewell.

I think the best plan would be for
you to write me an explicit letter on the
subject which I could show, on
forward, to him or his son. He himself
is very far from well but Lady Trenchard
is active in local affairs & I met
the son in Owen County Council.

Yours Hugh Buchanan.

Telegrams :
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Capenoch,
Thornhill ;
Dumfriesshire.
9th October, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

Many thanks for your letter of 7/10/24, which
I have forwarded to Sir Robert Buchanan Jardine's son: I hope
it will extract the information you require, and I will let
you know any results when I am in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Aug. J. Black, Esq.

Lt. Col. Sir David Brin, C.I.E.,
12 Heathview Gardens,
Putney Heath,
LONDON, S.W.15.

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12. X. 24.

Capenoch.
Thornhill:
Dumfriesshire.

Dear Sir David,

Many thanks for your letter of
10. X. 24. with enclosure, which I
herewith return.

I will let you know when — if ever — I
hear the fate of the book in which you are
interested.

Yr. Affect. Servant.
John Buchan.

NORTH PARK,
GERRARDS CROSS,
BUCKS.

14 : XII : '23

My dear Prain,

From a crustly high pile of
letters to answer I take yours
first. I'm had congestion of
the lungs & inflammation of the
antrum. I thank you so much
for your kind notes; your
sympathy almost reconciles me
with illness.

I may be back in London next
week, but progress is so
slow that I doubt it. Will
you therefore please cause to
be sent to me the paper
(or book) by E. Griffiths &

Exchange of
Notes
Kaye on Thermal conductivity and
I will answer your question
to the best of my ability & as
soon as I can.

With kind regards.

Yours

Percy Groom.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

(ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE.)

SOUTH KENSINGTON.

LONDON, S.W.7.

My dear Pain,

26: III : '24

I have a favour to ask you!

My house has been sold over my head, and I am going to live in a hotel. Accordingly I have got rid of many of my books; still I am keeping more scientific books than I care to take to a hotel until I know that my wife and I will like hotel-life. Some of the books that I can't take to the hotel are scientific works that I have to consult occasionally.

Will you be so very kind as to allow me to store these temporarily on your book-shelves at the College. I would move them whenever you wanted, but in any case I could move them some months hence when we have had our experience in the hotel, if we find life endurable there.

Thank you for your letter concerning Martley, whom I shall be pleased to see. Yours truly
Percy Groom

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14th January, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

Very many thanks for your confidential letter of the
13th inst., about the man, Swainson-Hall.

I knew he was in Nigeria formerly, but did not know
that he was in the Government Service; I will take up the
matter with the Colonial Office. Many thanks for the
trouble you have taken.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

James Gunnie.
JAMES GUNNIE?

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., F.R.S.,
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10th January, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

— Would you be so kind as to look through the attached letter, which we have had from Mr. Swainson Hall, and tell me what you think about it. He does not seem to me to have had any definite scientific grounding, but he has the kind of useful practical experience that may come in quite handy in some position in one of our cotton-growing Colonies.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tamara J. J. J.

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