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from Hardy

Berlin, Wamsee, Friedrich Karl Str. 24 Nov. 5 - 1923

Col. Sir David Prain

Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Dear Sir,

After an interval of three years during which I have been active as a delegate of the Reparations Commission & the Guarantee Committee in Berlin, studying & reporting on the state of Agriculture & Food Supply in Germany I now seek the appointment of ^{Spring to the situation in this country} Agricultural Information officer in the University of Bristol. The object of the appointment is the diffusion of practical knowledge & progress among farmers in the area served by the University.

Three testimonials (recent) are required and I should deem it a favour, could you see your way to deliver me one for this occasion. You may remember that after a short career as a teacher of Botany & Vegetable physiology (Univ. Coll. Dundee & elsewhere) under Prof. Jeddler, I have devoted the past 18 years to practical farming & the study of the technical & economic as well as social sides of Agriculture in various countries. These last three years in Germany have been most useful to me in that respect.

I hope you will see your way to grant me your support again as you have done for the past 15 years or so. If so, I should be obliged if you would

Send your testimonial to Richard Garnett Esq. Esq.
26 West Hill, Highgate, who collects & forwards the papers
for me. Communications with this country being at present
difficult & slow.

I remain your most obliged and
most sincerely

W. E. Hare

Berlin Wamsee Friedrich Karlste 24
Dec 8 '23

Col. Sir David Keim
12 Heathway Gardens
Putney Heath

Dear Sir,
S. W. 15.

Your most kind letter carrying testimony in my favour has only been forwarded to me a few days ago and I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging it duly.

I am profoundly thankful for this renewed token of your kind support throughout all these years. I have not had any news from Berlin yet and hope for the best. For I should look forward with anticipation to a more useful & quiet activity than this country can afford for the present.

Yours with best thanks

I remain
Yours most sincerely
W. Harey

from Hawke

asked -
Montagu to Gammon

REFORM CLUB,

Pall Mall, S.W.1.

2nd July 1923

Dear Sir,

Sir Frederick Moore, late of the Dublin Botanic Gardens, and I, have been authorised, by the Executors under the Will of the late Mr. Henry J. Elwes of Colesborne, to prepare an account of his life and work for publication in the near future. The book will include a selection from his diary-records of travel in various parts of the world and from his scattered papers on forestry and horticulture, ornithology, entomology, farming, sheep-breeding, sport and country life in general. Mr. Elwes was a man of such wide and varied interests that few could claim a special knowledge of all his subjects. It was his hope, expressed to his family, during the later months of his life, that his friends would be kind enough to assist the biographers in dealing with these aspects of Mr. Elwes's wish with which they were especially conversant. He drew up a list of those upon whose kind help he felt that we might rely, and as you are named in the list, I am now addressing this letter to you.

At present Sir Frederick Moore and I am endeavouring to arrange and collect Mr. Elwes's printed papers and MSS, and it would be premature for us to ask your expert advice on specific points. But it is already clear that there are considerable gaps in the series of papers, and if the book is to present a complete account of a remarkable life, we must depend to no small extent on the reminiscences of friends and on such letters from Mr. Elwes as they may have preserved. We should much like to know whether you could assist us in these ways, and whether we may trouble you at a later stage with questions on doubtful matters? Any letters from Mr. Elwes that you might entrust to us would be taken care of and returned.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Li David Prain, F.R.S.

Edward G. Hawke



23/7/23

Sir David Brainer

Dear Sir

Thank you for your very kind & helpful letter of the 11th, relating to the H. J. Elwes Memoirs. I will certainly act upon your suggestions. In particular I am very glad to know that W. Gamble is still living. There are several references to him in the MSS. relating to India, & I am writing to him at once. Meanwhile I am
Yours very faithfully
Edmund G. Haesche.

MANOR HOUSE,
SUTTON ROAD,
HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

13th. July, 1923.

Sir David Prain, C.I.E., F.R.S.

12, Heathview Gardens,

Putney Heath, S.W.15.

Dear Sir David,

Some months ago (actually 8th. March) you very kindly spared a considerable amount of time giving me much useful information on the cultivation of Cinchona in India, and other prospects of cultivation within the British Empire. Since then, I have gathered some more facts

1. The Director of Agriculture for Nigeria, Mr. O.T. Faulkner, writes that he thinks requisite temperature and rain-conditions fall might be found on Cameroons Mountain. At present the terms on which grants of land might be obtained do not appear to be settled.

2. Experiments are being conducted in the Federated Malay State on Cinchona Cultivation. From a paper by Mr. W.N. Sands which appeared in the Malayan Agricultural Journal (1922, 10 66.) it seems that considerable attention is being paid to the matter.

3. No answer has been so far received with respect to possibilities in Papua.

In making enquiries I kept the information you gave me in

MANOR HOUSE,
SUTTON ROAD,
HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

Sir David Prain (continued).

mind regarding (a) temperature, (b) rainfall and (c) need of volcanic soil. As to the last, Mr. Sands hints at exhaustion of potash as being possibly the cause of deterioration in cinchona plantations.

I have talked the matter over with several friends.

Colonel Coates, M.P. for Ely Division, thinks that the establishment of a thoroughly British Industry might be furthered by a Parliamentary Committee. Protection in the ordinary sense of a tariff seems useless, the Empire not producing a sufficient amount of the raw material.

Do you think the establishment of such a Committee would have a good effect? My friends are interested commercially but over and above this, quinine is an Empire necessity and any chance of a substitute or of an economic synthesis of the alkaloid appears very remote.

Yours sincerely,

J. T. Hewitt

TELEPHONE 1
GROSVENOR 1984.

28. June. 1924
DORCHESTER HOUSE,
PARK LANE,
W.1.

Dear Sir David Brain.

Now that Sir
George Leveson Gower
has retired and Mr
Gaye has succeeded him.
I have had a letter
from Sir Frederick
Ponsonby proposing
that I should meet

Mr. Gage & I have
and discuss the future
powers of our Committee.
The enclosed are
Mr. Frederick Pomeroy's
suggestions, & he
wishes me to put
them before the
members of our
Committee, for their
individual opinions.

Before we have our
meeting with Mr. Gage.
Will you therefore
kindly let me know
what you think
of them;

Yours sincerely
G. L. Holford

TELEPHONE:
GROSVENOR 1964.

4 July 1924
DORCHESTER HOUSE,
PARK LANE,
W.1.

Dear Mr David Prain

Very many thanks
for your thorough examination
of Mr Frederick Moseley's
suggestions, and for your
criticisms upon them.
I have also had replies
from Bulford & Bean.
And we all four seem
to be very much of the
same opinion.
I am to see Moseley next

work, and will place
all our views before him.
But before doing so, I am
most anxious to ask you
if you cannot see your way
to remaining on our Committee
I know that since your
retirement from Men, you
have taken on an immense
amount of other work,
and that your time is still
very much taken up;

and I also feel very diffident with regard to the
about asking you to change Windsor Parks & Woods,

your mind, but I cannot
help saying how deeply
we should deplore your
absence, and the loss of your
most valuable advice on all
occasions. As for Sir Frederick
Pensonby I know how
greatly he values your
presence on the Committee,
and the fact that your
being there strengthens

His Majesty's position

Windsor Parks & Woods,

It would give me real
pleasure, if I could persuade
you to reconsider your
decision, and continue
to serve with us.

yours sincerely
George Holford

ansd
27.12.23.

Littleridge

Pendock

Fewkesbury

Dec. 20th 1923

My dear Sir David,

I must send you a few lines with all our best wishes to you & Lady Brain for Xmas & the New Year. I think you know that I retired last year & we have settled down here very happily & I can't say I regret India, anyway the army part of it in the least, especially as the old 12th has to all intents & purposes disappeared in the general shuffle up that has been going on, & has now become the 2/10th Bombay Pioneers!!

I could not get any work to do in England but find my time fully occupied in looking after my property here & in local affairs. I have been appointed a J.P. for Worcestershire & dispense justice at the Upton-on-Severn bench. I find it very interesting work.

Are you ever in this part of the country? If you are do let me know as I should much like to see you again.

We are very rarely in London. It is too far to run up for the day from here on account of the distance of Pendock from Gloucester or Worcester, & spending 2 or 3 days in town has no attractions for either of us.

My wife joins me in kindest regards to you both & believe me

yours very sincerely

J. I. Hooker

ansd
16.5.24

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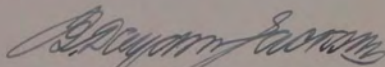
*Linnean Society,
Burlington House, London, W. 1.*

23rd May, 1924.

Sir,

Mr. Robert Neil Chrystal has given your name as a reference in support of his application for the post of Librarian and Assistant Secretary to the Linnean Society. I should be obliged if you will send me in writing your opinion, for the information of the Council, as to the suitability of the Candidate for the post. Your letter will be regarded as confidential.

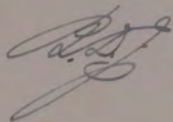
Yours faithfully,



General Secretary.

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

*P.S. I would also ask you to perform
a similar office respecting Lt Col. Gage,
also an applicant.*



PARK COTTAGE,
RUISLIP,
MIDDX.

May 21, 1924.

Dear Mr. Treasurer,

I am very grateful to
you. This all very human &
kind. I have been the cause
of much trouble & grave expense.
The latter is indeed less of a
nightmare now, and I thank you.
I am not given to many words,
and hence can add nothing more.

But I am
yours most faithfully,

Wm David Brin,
Treas. M.

J. E. James.

second
4-1-23

from Johnston

Stromness Hotel,
Stromness, Orkney, Scotland,
16th December 1923.

Dear Sir David Prentice,

I was very glad to receive your last letter on 26th December 1922, and to hear all your news. I was also glad to read in the "Aberdeen Press and Journal" of 8th and 10th December 1923 the account of the unveiling of the Trail Memorial Tablet by yourself on 7th December at Aberdeen, and a review of the Trail Memorial Volume. I have written to Aberdeen to see whether I can obtain a copy of this volume by purchase. Had I known that it was to be published by subscription, I would certainly have subscribed to its publication. Miss MacQuibben of 24 & Union Street very kindly sent me a packet of Professor Dickson's "Flora of Aberdeen" together with MacQuibben's "Flora of Aberdeen" bound in one volume, which had belonged to her father, the late Dr C. H. MacQuibben, who died last year. I was very glad to get and read these two floras, as I had failed to obtain copies of them from second-hand bookellers. I spent last winter in Stromness and was kept very busy reading books, and mounting botanical specimens, of which I mounted nearly a thousand sheets during the past twelve months. I spent a fortnight in Edinburgh last April with my brother & sister and niece Miss Irene Stuart.

with the rest of whom I went to Glasgow to see
the International Football Match between England
and Scotland according to Association Rules. I also read
a paper on "Additions to the Flora of Orkney" at a meeting
of the Botanical Society, which is being published in the
Society's "Transactions". On my way back to Orkney I left the
train at Leamington and had a most enjoyable six days' tour
by motor bus and car through the most beautiful and fertile
Lancashire, through magnificent, grand, mountainous country,
with numerous lakes and rivers of all sizes, an
ideal country for a motorist and sportsman. I visited
Cape Wrath, the Smoo Cave near Durness, which was visited
by Sir Walter Scott in 1814 and described in his "Journal".
I visited round the beautiful shores of the Loughs of
Durness, the Loch of Durness, Loch Ewe, Loch
Ewe, Loch of Tongue, to Thurso in Caithness from which I
proceeded to Stromness on 30th April. At Fould Head
near Durness I collected specimens of the Cushion Pink
(Silene acaulis, Linn.) in flower in the end of April,
growing on the top of the rocky cliffs, 100 feet above sea-
level. In Orkney also it rarely descends to the sea level
and flowers much earlier than on the Highland Hills,
where Bettingham gives July as the flowering season.
During May & June I traversed in search of the
North and South Isles of Orkney, and besides collecting

botanical specimens, I made lists of all the wild plants I saw growing on each island. Most of the islands I visited by motor or sailing boats were uninhabited, and it was very interesting watching all over these islands during the nesting season of the wild birds, and noting their nests, eggs, &c. in addition to my botanical work. As many of these islands are in out-of-the-way places, I brought back the notes of several species that were not in flower or fruit and which I could not identify, and grew them in flower-pots, &c. at Stromness, and then when the plants were in flower and fruit, I took them up and pressed them for my herbarium. In this way I have been able to identify the species. This is a good plan when collecting specimens of *Callitriche*, which require the ripe fruit for identifying the species to which they belong.

I spent three weeks at Edinburgh in July with Mrs. Miss Stuth, and attended the King & Queen's garden party at Holyrood Palace on 11th July, when there were about 4,000 guests present from all parts of Scotland. Fortunately the weather was fine. Miss Stuth came back with me to Orkney in the end of July and we spent a very pleasant month at the Burray Hotel, Burray, where we had some trout fishing.

in the Loch of Boddinua, and I botanized.
We then spent a week in Kirkwall, and another
enjoyable week on a visit to our friends the Beckins
at the Hall of Tankerness. Miss Stuck went back
to Edinburgh on 13th Sept. & I returned to Stromness,
where I have been busy ever since labelling and
mounting botanical specimens, and writing up my notes
on the flora of the different islands. I have finished
reading the whole of Sir Walter Scott's novels and
Dr Haysden Jackson's "Linnæus", in which last book I
was much interested. Having read Sir Charles Lyell's
"Antiquity of Man", "Principles of Geology", and "Sketches of
Elements of Geology", with much interest and profit,
I am now deep in Sir Archibald Geikie's "Text-Book
of Geology", which I find extremely interesting. I also
peruse also I reading Hutton's Tom in Scotland in 1809
and Gilfillan's Life of Burns & Burns Poems & Songs,
which I have never read right through before. The weather
in Orkney during the past summer and autumn has been
very cold, wet & stormy, and some of the early crops is still
standing up in the fields. I have not succeeded in ob-
taining a suitable house in my native parish of Bressay. Dr
W. James Forbes can well gladly let me have his former
residence at Scaurholm on loan, but the tenant of the farm is
not willing to give it up & live in a smaller house. With thanks
agents to yourself & Lady Pringle, and trusting you both a very
Happy Christmas & New Year, I remain sincerely, Henry H. Johnston.

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

22 Feb 1924

20, Cornhill Gardens.

S. 22. 7.

Dear Sir David

An old cousin of mine one Edward G. Western has recently died. He was a very able man & deeply interested in Botany. For years he has I understand been compiling a work dealing with some branch of that science but I am afraid I don't know any details as to which particular branch. Moreover he has I believe a fine library of Botanical books. His family are anxious to learn if any good use can be made either of the book

or library & I have told my cousins I would ask you whether you could see your way to give them advice on the subject.

I hope I am not presuming on your good nature.

If you think you can help would you kindly communicate with

Miss Lucy Western

27 Pembroke Square

ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

Vol. 2.

With kind regards to Lady Prain & love from Margaret

I am
Yours very sincerely

Sydney East Jones

Sir David Prain F.R.S. etc etc

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Such vivid recollection of dinner at Kew & think
you may enjoy the role of guest as you so enjoyed
that of host.

With kind remembrance to Lady Pain

I am

Yours sincerely

Henry Enslin.

20 Cornwall Gardens
SW. 7

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TELEPHONE CITY 7354.

TELEGRAMS: PROCONSUL, CANNON, LONDON

2, SUFFOLK LANE,

CANNON STREET,

LONDON, E.C.4.

2 May 1924.

Dear Sir David

I am very glad to think I shall have the pleasure of your Company at the Devonian Dinner at Claridges on the 9th. It would be any convenience to you to dress at our house. I am sorry I cannot offer you a bed for the night but our one spare room is booked. If you were to see your way to coming to Cornwall Gardens, Margaret would of course rejoice at the opportunity of having sight of you, & if you could get there soon at 5 o'clock for tea or drink there after there would be the children open to inspection.

By the bye, I am our Treasurer who issues the dinner notices, & the minutes, has put the word "Decorations" on the cards.

I am

Yours very sincerely
Sydney Evers Jones

"Fairholme"
Cambridge Park
E. Twickenham

29. 7. 34.

Sir David Train.

Dear Sir.

I was more
than surprised to
see your name in
the Album of my
presentation. I do
think it most kind
and thank you from

my heart.

The severance from
my work at New
after 34 years there
has been a trial
to me, as I particularly
wished to remain
there until Pension
time. - The superior
powers were not
kind to say the

the least.

Danell & Staff
have hovered round
me with all possible
kindness and I
am happy in my
work but it is
not Kew.

Yesterday I
received a very
welcome letter

How dear Mr. Bliss
How Uppingham
whom I hope to
visit shortly.

May I ask you
to give my compliments
to Lady Pain and
with grateful
thanks to yourself.

Believe me

Yours truly

G. F. M. Mansley

Nathan
Bangkok, July 20th 1923

Dear Sir David Prain,

Prof. Craib has written to tell me that you are willing to be one of the nominators for my admission to the Linnæan Society. I thank you very much for your kindness in this matter. If elected I feel that I will be better able to keep in touch with present day botanical work & thought than I am at present.

Just now I am in most interesting country, all very new and strange to me, and almost untouched by collectors. This is very near Ridley's

line, between the Malay and Siamese flora, but
I should say it is very distinctly Malay,
In the jungle I hardly recognize a plant
as belonging to other parts of Siam known to
me, so, as you may imagine, I am kept
pretty busy. The pity is I can only skim
the country I may not get a chance of
visiting it again.

Some years ago you asked me if we
had a red Hedyotis here; since then my
brother found a plant on Ser Sutep but only
brought in the flowers. I went up after some
but was unable to find the plant. Red
flowers are a weak point with me, I am
color-blind and rarely spot them unless
close enough to distinguish their form.

Thanking you again for your
kindness I remain
yours sincerely
Allen

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BOWOOD,
CALNE,
WILTS.

My dear Prain

26th. Sep. 1922.

It was very kind of you to write to me . I was sure you would sympathise with us. It is a horrible story and shews what the Country has come to in the complete absence of all the machinery of government. I am afraid that the savages who wrecked our house have
" "
no respect for natural beauty.

When I last heard no great harm had been done to the trees and shrubs, but as the enemy has carried off all the gates and thrown the fences down, I fear that the garden may be overrun with cattle and virtually destroyed.

Please tell Lady Prain how much we both value her and your sympathy.

On the rare occasions that I now visit Kew, I remember wistfully the frequent hospitality of her tea table.

I am told that letters to Major Warden should be addressed to him at Cox' Bank; he, poor fellow, has no other home in which he can take refuge.

Yours sincerely
Lambert

from Guilelma

HIGH CLIFF,
LYME REGIS,
DORSET.

19. 5. 23

Dear Sir David

Thank you for the
information with regard to
Col. Cunningham's book &
for your kind letter.

I am very sorry to hear of
care and anxieties that
you and Lady Braine have
been going through
wish that we could be of
any service in helping to
find a home where the

invalid could be taken
care of in just the way
that you would wish.
My brother-in-law, Dr. Phares,
is staying with us; he has
access to information with
regard to many nursing
homes. I have intended
to tell him of your difficulty
in finding one to your mind,
& he is making inquiries &
I hope you will not think
me very interfering, but it

would be a privilege to know
that our well-wished
help in need could also
be of service to you.

With kindest regards to
you both

Yours sincerely
G. H. H. H.

*offered
in writing to the
on 2nd 30 Nov.*

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CROWN ESTATE OFFICE,
WINDSOR GREAT PARK, WINDSOR.

November 13th.1923.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Woods to inform you that it is proposed to call a Meeting of the Members of the Windsor Parks and Woods Advisory Committee on Friday, November 30th, and it is hoped that you may be able to attend.

The following Agenda is for consideration:-

- (a) The lopping of dangerous trees in the Long Walk
- (b) A section of the Rhododendron Ride between Bishopsgate and Cow Pond, showing the effects of cutting back the rhododendrons about eight feet.
- (c) The belt of ornamental trees planted along the edge of the Clockcase Plantation.
- (d) The plantation of conifers, particularly Sitka Spruce made on the land which was cleared of Oak during the War.

Yours faithfully,

Sir David Prain C.M.G.
12 Heathfield Gardens
Putney Heath
S.W.15.

C Lloyd

CROWN ESTATE OFFICE,
WINDSOR GREAT PARK, WINDSOR.

November 22nd.1923.

Dear Sir David Prain,

Many thanks for your last letter relative to the proposed meeting on the 30th.instant of the Windsor Parks and Woods Committee, which has been postponed sine die at the request of Sir George Holford as neither yourself nor Mr.Duchesne can be present on that date.

Yours very truly,

C. Lloyd.

Sir David Prain C.M.G.
12 Heathview Gardens
Putney Heath.

16. King Edward Av
Northing.

Oct. 19th 1924.

Dear Sir David & Lady Prin

Thank you

so much for your

very kind letter &

sympathy with me

in the loss of my
dear Father. Life
had become very
weary for some
time past, but
he was wonderfully
contented + brave.
Though we shall

cannot wish him
back.

With kindest regards,
hoping you are
both well,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Clara E. Lovelock

[CLARA E. LOVELOCK]

from Lyon
On the Irrawaddy near Mandalay
7.2.23.

My dear David,

I dare say you will be interested in hearing something of our wanderings, and indeed I have a delightful letter of yours by me in which you suggest as much.

We left Calcutta for Burma on Jan 21st and we are now working our way back to Rangoon, via Pagan, the ancient capital of the country, and Prome, and we sail for Singapore on the 15th inst. The wife started rather badly, as she was sick at Agra and again just after our arrival in Calcutta. But I am glad to say she soon recovered, with careful treatment and a long rest at

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Katunpore in Calcutta, and, on a good day the spoken, is in excellent form just now. I have naturally got in more travelling than she could manage and have put in visits to Delhi (while she stayed on in Agra) and to Darjiling, Dacca, Bankura & Shillong, while she could not venture upon - But we both enjoyed our visit to India very much and nothing could have exceeded the kindness and cordiality of the welcome we received, especially from our Indian friends - I was greatly touched by the constant evidence I received that I was actually held in kindly remembrance by so

many whom I had known & with whom I had worked, the men so that the demonstrations were actuated by no thought of favour to come my position being that of an unofficial visitor, a position I was most careful to maintain.

I saw both Reading and Lytton and was confirmed in my previous impression of the former as an exceedingly able and far-seeing man who is probably the best Viceroy we could have at the helm in these most difficult times. He appears to have maintained the prestige with which he came out, and he certainly has the confidence of many Indian politicians who are inclined to regard the Secy of State and the Government at home with deep suspicion. Lytton made a very different impression on me - I don't think he carries enough weight for his position and he was crude in his remarks on the situation & the policy he suggested, while evidently propounding them with considerable self-satisfaction. And Lady Lytton is too trivial and self-centred to be of any practical help to him.

As to the present state of affairs, there is a lull in the political excitement which was worked up last year and signs of reaction are not wanting, of which the Viceroy and the Moderates have not been slow to take advantage. And the improvement has been favoured by the complete failure of Gandhi's policy & promises and the futility of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the National Congress, when C. R. Das as President made a rambling and ineffective speech, full of amateurish political philosophy, & the extreme party carried against him resolutions proclaiming adherence ~~of~~ to the policy prescribed by Gandhi in which there are no germs of life. But we obviously must not presume too much on this improvement. Men like Sinha, Ali Imam, Jagadish An. Bose and others warned me of the depth and great ^{spread} ~~extension~~ of

racial feeling which evidently alarmed them considerably, and I have little doubt that trouble is in store for us in the future as soon as the anti-British element finds a new cry and better leaders. In these circumstances the longer we can keep things quiet and play for time the more chance we shall give to the recent changes to win through. I believe we should press steadily on with them, avoiding political demonstrations & 'pronouncements' so far as possible & doing our best to restore the loss of faith in the stability of our policy & promises which has done us so much harm of late years. Above all we must retrench, especially at the top of the Government scale. The reforms are proving too expensive for the country which resents keenly the burden of additional members of Council & Ministers & their establishments who have notoriously little to do, and this is more than half the reason for their unpopularity. Potentially, a tyrannical Dictatorship that counts, at any rate, has lost its delight in pomp and show, and its reverence for the power that displays such attributes, and would welcome enthusiastically a return to simplicity and economy in high quarters. So one of the most pressing duties we have on hand is the cutting down of the cost of our administration. As for the general feeling of the masses, we had of course but very little opportunity of gauging it. With one exception, when a young student at Agor turned and spat at the car in which the wife and Mrs. Davies were going through the town, we have had no experience of rudeness or discourtesy, and I could not detect any change in the bearing of the people towards us.

from that which we experienced while we were out here a few years back. On one point, I may mention, everyone appeared to be agreed, and that was the fatality of the move to Delhi and the scandalous extravagance which is involved, not only in the building of the new city but in the standard of expenditure it will set to all India, ~~and~~ ^{while} the Imperial spirit of domination implied in the whole scheme is a constant source of irritation to the patriotic Indian. The new Delhi is an anachronism before it has been completed.

We were quite sure to see the last of Calcutta & to drop down the Hughli, past your old home in the Gardens, for the last time. The Victoria Memorial, by the way, is a magnificent building, the finest monument erected in modern times, I should think. The purity of the marble in which it is encased & the fine sweep of its classical lines are most striking and its general effect will be greatly enhanced when the grounds have been planted out & the trees round it have attained fair proportions. From the time we left Calcutta everything has been new to us as we have never before come further East than Chittagong. Rangoon was unpleasantly hot & the hotel was dirty & uncomfortable, but the Lakes and the Shwe Dagon are beautiful and the city is growing apace & giving much evidence of prosperity. Unfortunately the politicians recently induced the Trustees of the Shwe Dagon & of many up country pagodas to insist upon everyone taking off shoes & stockings before they entered the precincts. There is no religious basis for such an order and it has been

engineered for political purposes only, which makes it doubly annoying. Some American tourists submit but the large majority of visitors stay away. Apart from the indignity involved, the risk of tetanus is not small. It may be hoped that the appreciable loss of income will lead eventually to the reversal of the order.

The effect of the gold shuttle which covers the Shwe Dagon (which is over 300 feet high) is wonderful. It catches every ray of the sun & I caught the first glimpse of it far down the river, long before we had any other sign that we were approaching Rangoon.

But the chief delight of this country is the gaiety of the people, their brilliant silks, the freedom of the women & children and the atmosphere of prosperity that ^{surrounds} them and their villages. Mandalay is picturesque, with its wooden palaces ^{with} carved ^{carved} & ~~carved~~ ^{carved} hills decorated with glass set in gold & silver, but the Bazaar, with its Silk Street & Umbrella Street, the shop women & the purchasers, was really more attractive. And the journey up to Bhamo, through one fine defile at least, above which one cliff rises almost straight to a height of 800 feet, the streamer stations, the pagodas dotted on the banks & the hills, are all interesting. Bhamo is only 50 miles from the Chinese boundary & is full of Chinese, jade merchants, traders & coolies - so the bazaar & towns presented quite

a new aspect to us - However, we must reserve
unde talk about our new experiences until our
return - We shall hope to see you in September,
before we finally settle down in Oxford again.

We hope you and Lady Praeger keep well and that
your new work is not too strenuous. I wish indeed that
we had been in that extremely valuable Department to-
gether. I dare say you know that they offered me a
permanent post in it, as an Under Secretary on £800 a
year. But I could not start official life again at my
age, so I preferred to work on as a temporary hand on
an allowance & soon after received the offer from Oriel.

I am so glad you have met my sisters and greatly
appreciate your goodness to them. They have done work
in the world which was most doing and have many
grateful friends amongst their old pupils. And it is
a great pleasure to them to make such friends as
yourselves in their retirement.

You will be wearied of all this. Love from both
of us goes to you both with it, and I am
always

Your sincere friend

Percy C. Lygon

Sir David Praeger

20.12.23

My dear David,

WESTER OGIL,
HEADINGTON HILL,
OXFORD.

Allow me to assure you and Lady
Prain that we are thinking of you both and
wishing you all good things for the New Year as
well as Christmas. My dear wife is deeply immersed
in the business of despatching some 150 parcels, cards,
letters & so on to innumerable friends & relatives -
It is good to remember them & better still to know that
many of them think of us and wish us well.

We are gradually settling down, but it has been
a long process, as we have had to buy a good deal
of furniture, a new carpet, new curtains & chair covers
& so on, and the wife has been away a good deal.
However, we are fairly straight now and are greatly
looking forward to the arrival of Hugh and Nan and
their babe on Saturday. Hugh has been enjoying
his term at Cheltenham, as he always does, and
they have made an excellent start with their new
house. I have had plenty to do in the College and
have hardly yet got into my stride with the work
there. But it is a privilege to be allowed to do it
and to live in Oxford!

The coming year seems likely to witness some strange developments. I wish I had more confidence in Lytton as the ruler of Bengal - but he did not impress me as a wise or statesmanlike person and is not of the calibre to deal with the very delicate and difficult position which has arisen there. But I fancy Lord Reading knows his measure - It seems to me that the usual compromise will be the outcome of the extravagant demands that are being made, and one can only hope that the terms of the compromise will not destroy the whole reform scheme.

At home it seems to me that the Liberals hold the balance, whatever the ~~strength~~ ^{strength} of the parties on each side of them may ~~be~~. We seem to be safe from a capital levy, for the time being, but if Labour cannot reach our pockets in that particular way, they must find a better one, for they cannot carry out any of their schemes without our money - But should they take office they will moderate a good deal of their boasting and will learn much.

I hope this will find you both well and that you are resting, in some measure, from your labours.

With our love & earnest wishes for health & content - I am, as always,

Your affectionate friend
Percy C. Lyon

TELEPHONE No. 1133.

5 BURN-ACROSS SQUARE

ASTORIA

October 13th 1923

Dear Sir David Train

I am greatly obliged to you for your long letter about Mr. Michael Grubbom of Madeira. -- I shall consider it a great privilege to submit his name for our L.H.D., -- There can be no doubt that he is well worthy of the honor and I do hope that I shall be successful. --

The notes of his work and services given by you will be most helpful to me in composing a worthy "testimonium". --

I am

Yours sincerely
Ashley W. Mackintosh

Brother V

Esq

11th March 1923

My dear Poin

Accept my best
thanks for your kind letter
conveying your congratulations
on two honours from my
Alma Mater.

Five and forty years
is a fairly long time and
many things have transpired

Since then

Our Arts Day (74-78)
Contemplating a reason to
celebrate the Jubilee of our

first meeting as a class in winter
1874. As you took Natural
History with us and participated
with us, I think it might be
legitimate for you to consider
yourself one of us.

The last time I had occasion
to write you was about
the Nicol Memorial. That
I am glad to say is now
a fact accomplished. There
is a spare photograph of
it about the house where
you might wish to place.

It shows a very good
head of the old man
surrounded by pictures of

Some of his "endlasting memories"
and some of the Chonetes
fossils from the Cambrinus
of the North-west, in which
he was so much interested.
With kind regards &
again thanking you

Very truly
yours

[WILLIAM MAC-?]]

19. June/22
"ST HELENS,"
PRESTON PARK,
BRIGHTON.

My dear Pina,

We were so glad to hear from
you lately & to learn that all was
well and that you had some con-
genial occupation, for I cannot
imagine you idle & happy at the
same time. I hope the powers
that-be have already realised the
absurdity of regarding what you are
doing for them as "part-time"
work.

Many thanks for all you write 26th June. A most unusual thing regarding the identification of the "alaba" (fibre producing shrub). I am writing to Calcutta about it.

I think I told you that Temple suggested that it would be better for him to write the review of Prosser's book for "Nature"; the Editor of N. (Macmillan) had asked me to undertake the task. I was glad to be relieved, and I hear that Temple's review was despatched last week. He is also writing a review for the Journal of the Anthrop. Inst. and a long one in his own "Indian Antiquary".

this letter was left unfinished a week ago on account of my being called away for something urgent and I have been kept pretty busy ever since. I hope this rain has not come too late to save our various crops. Many here will lament (not we amongst them) if the whole week proves wet as while it ~~would~~ ruins the stupid Carnival it will prove a fall-lead to our cereals & gardens. Sir H. Thos. Hill who is with us at present tells us that

What we have hitherto regarded
as acacias here & at Saratoga
are really robiniæ. He is a
"sabe janta wala" in natural
history and above the average in
botany & other sciences; so I sup-
pose he has good grounds for his
assertion.

Please give our affectionate
regards to Lady Prain. We often
think of her in her anxious attendance
on her sister. I hope the patient suffers
no pain and that her mental powers
are not much impaired. The policy of
hospitalities must be a sore trial.
With love & best wishes, Yrs. ever Ed. Mearns

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30.1.23

H. 166/23.

28th Jan / 23

ST. HELENS,

PRESTON PARK,

BRIGHTON.

My dear Pain

By the last mail from Natal
I received the enclosed two sections
of a Cycad leaf from my artist niece
(Miss Dorothea Vyvyan) whose acquaintance
you made 2 or 3 years ago.

She writes that at Kew the
only S. African cycad represented
is the variety with spiky leaves, and
that the kind like the enclosed speci-
men is shown only as indigenous to

China. She thinks therefore you
will be interested to see what she
sends from Natal, where, she adds,
it grows only at an elevation of
6000 ft or over.

She offers to send a plant
of this variety, if desired, to Kew,
but would like instructions how to
pack it.

I believe Sir R. Temple has
not yet found a suitable purchaser
for 'The Nash' but he has disposed
of the bulk of the contents, and
has returned to Montreux. He seems
to bear the loss of his fine property

with equanimity. The fact that
many others in like circumstances
have been compelled to act in like
manner probably affords some
consolation! How landed proprie-
tors can have been forced to pay
taxes at the rate of 23/- or so
in the £ seems incredible. Those
who bring this about don't hesi-
tate to vote themselves increased
or new salaries never before dreamt
of or desired by M.P's.
With our united affectionate re-
spects to Lady Praeger & yourself

Yours ever
E. H. Man

and
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ST HELENS,
PRESTON PARK,
BRIGHTON.

My dear Train,

I commenced a letter to you
last Monday but had to break off
before I could finish it.

I write to wish you both a
happy new year and to thank you
for the "Luck of the year" which I
can see will afford us much enter-
tainment like other books I have
read by the same author.

I once came across a

sister of his who was married to
one of the Kent "Mans", a vicar
near Maidstone (or Canterbury)
and a son of the late E. Lemet Man
barrister at Rampton who ^{are} now
at the Andaradas - We ~~were~~ not
connected as we hail from Inver-
ness; one of our forebears fought at
Culloden under Prince Charlie!

Many thanks also for your in-
teresting & researchful "Story of
some common garden plants". I am
sure it will delight Heine, so I will
let him see it. He leads a busy
life at Torquay, where his labours

are highly appreciated by the
Museum & other scientific author-
ities. He lost his only son in
Mesopotamia.

I think you will be interested
in some items in his last letter to
me, so I enclose it.

How much depends on what
Baldwin decides to do when Par-
liament re-assembles. May there
be no chance of the Socialists get-
ting into power. Two-thirds of
the electorate being against them
there ought to be no danger of such
a calamity.

With our affectionate regards,

Institute for Botanical Documentation

every good wish to you both,
Yours ever
E. H. Mann

und
22. 4.

21. April
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ST. HELENS,
PRESTON PARK,
BRIGHTON.

My dear Prain,

I enclose Part 1. of a
paper, lately published, by a
nephew (brother of the Miss Dors-
thea Vyryan you know) who has
been botanising for some years at
Cambridge where he has an appoint-
ment. I thought you might
like to see it. His father (for-

newly Math^r Master of Charterhouse
died in Natal on the 6th March,
aged 27. I should be glad to hear
whether you consider the youngster's
composition - his first appearance
Shelton, in print - as showing signs
of promise. Being the youngest
of seven he is his mother's Benjamin.

Will you kindly send it on to
Heinig in the enclosed cover when
you have done with it.

My other enclosure relates to
a very different subject. I am

sending a copy to Heinig who
has a great admiration of Spencer's
works. He has been studying all the
available evidence regarding the
authorship of the plays attributed
to Shakespeare with the result
that he is convinced that Shakes-
peare could not even sign his name.

Assuming this to be true how
is it the imposture was not exposed
ages ago? One would think that
the friends & relatives of the real
author (or authors) would have seen
to this at the time.

I hope you & Lady Fiam

have been keeping well. I stood
some weeks of the N. & E. winds
but at last broke down with a
mild attack of flu, followed by
humbago from which I am just
recovering.

With our affectionate regards
to Lady Pain & yourself.

I am Yours ever

E. H. Man

11th October, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

How very kind of you
to send me your Notice of Sir Isaac.
I shall read it with very great interest.

Yours very truly,

A. JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL.

A.J.

Sir David Prain,
12 Heathview Gardens,
Putney Heath,
LONDON. S.W.15.

4th June, 1924.

and
13.6.24

Dear Sir David,

Did you ever, in your
wide experience, find young
trees, e.g. *Lycamorus* 3-4 ft.
injured by snails (*Helix aspersa*)
which remove the bark - often all
round & cause the death of the
tree? This has occurred at the
Paddy Marine Laboratory - where the
closure of the Laboratory to all
but myself & the neglect to cut
grass etc. has made dense cover for
snails etc.

I am familiar with the attacks
of rabbit at Newry, but the damage
of awareness of snail damage.

I enjoyed my visit to Heath
view gardens, especially as I found they
Pratt you so well.

Yours sincerely,
W. A. M. Wagnon

17th June, 1924.

Dear Sir David,

I was much pleased to have your kind letter & all its interesting information, & I shall draw up a note on the subject as soon as possible. Our meeting with Mr Bean (who took Mr.) & Sir Herbert Maxwell was most opportunely, & we have now a considerable amount of experienced opinion on the subject. From no one have I had any hint of a similar occurrence.

occurrence.

I have interested in what you write about voles at Kew. Apparently they did not damage the bark so much (tho' they also attacked it) as ran along (underground) the beech hedges, ^{biting} the roots & killing the entire lives. You may have heard of their damage to the Duke of Buccleugh's oak woods -  or the plan of Captain Buxton's, small wooden wide-bottomed and

narrow tops - sunk in the line of the
hedge or at the oak trees. The owls

bellin did not get out. We caught
a few, but not very many. The owls
did more good.

Later at Nevada the rabbits have de-
veloped a taste for the bark of Lawson's
Cypress, & give us trouble. This ^{strange} thing
did not for 20 years previous they left them
untouched.

It is so kind of you to help
in the case of the Helix aspersa,
with many thanks & kindest
remembrances to Lady Prain &
yourself

Yours sincerely,
W. W. Entwistle.