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Oct 15th/23

STONEWALL PARK,
EDENBRIDGE,
KENT.

Dear Mr David

It would give us great
pleasure if you could come home
on Friday 27th for the week
end. I should like to show you
some of this unspoilt country

within 30 miles of London. and
we have a few Adododatus.

But one very beautiful just now.

Our Station is Camden N.B.S. 14.

Yours Sincerely,

E. G. B. Meade-Waldo

April 22nd / 23

STONEWALL FARM

EDMUNDS

EDMUNDS

My dear Prain

We are of course very sorry
you can spare us such a short
time for a visit. and that it
will be paid on Saturday next.

I will meet you at London
Station and I fear we will
have a rather stormy day.

as in addition to having a

look round here. I want to
take you to Hever Castle
to see the old place and the
beautiful Italian garden. We
can do that by going to Tea
with Lady Pidd's sister and
catching the same train up
as you suggest, at Hever.
Which is the station across

to London. We have a few
beautiful birds out now, but
these sharp frosts are rather
N.E. winds are rather
frying. With kindest regards
Yours sincerely

G. P. Mordaunt

Sept 24th / 23

DYRHAM PARK,
CHIPPENHAM.

TELEGRAMS:-
DYRHAM.

My dear Sir David.

Very many thanks for your
kind welcome. I am doing what I
can about the land at Poole
Harbour. and expect to hear more
about it in a day or two. I

hope Sir D. Morris may be able
to help. He is on the Council
of the ~~Railway~~ S.P.N.R. Co.

22/5/1892
at on the Executive Committee.

Possibly he might be able to
attend a meeting of the latter
of the hour one next month.

Some of that ground ought
certainly to be saved, and

Barnham is a very rich
place. There are some very

Some are trees here. Two Tulips
trees planted 1710. and some
Western Plares planted the same
time. The tulips are immense. Well
over 100 ft high. We go home
tomorrow. With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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J. G. B. Mack-Waldo



*The Sherrington School
of Physiology.
St. Thomas's Hospital.
London, S.E.1.*

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Professor J. Mellanby acknowledges with
thanks the receipt of a cheque for two guineas
(2gns.) for the Augustus and Alice Waller
Memorial Fund.

Sir David Prain, C.M.G., C.I.E.

12 Heathview Gardens,

Putney Heath, S.W. 15.

Augustus & Alice Waller Memorial.

A Meeting under the Chairmanship of Sir EDWARD
SHARPEY SCHAFER, M.D., F.R.S., will be held on

Thursday, July 17th, at 5 p.m.

at the

**London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women,
8, Hunter Street, W.C. 1,**

to receive the Secretaries' and Treasurer's Report, and
to make final arrangements concerning the Memorial.

4.30—Tea by invitation
of the Council.

R.S.V.P. to Professor CULLIS,
8, Hunter Street, W.C. 1.

ansd.
9.8.22

Zoological Society of London.

SECRETARY,

P. CHALMERS MITCHELL, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY."

REGENT'S PARK,

London, N.W.8.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"ZOOLOGICAL-PHONE-LONDON"

TELEPHONE NO.
HAMPSTEAD 6014.

Aug. 8 1922

my dear Prain,

Every year in February
the Council of this Society have to
select 5 of their members for removal
& to nominate 5 fellows to take their
place. By a standing order, passed a
few years ago, one of the new members must
be a fellow who has never served on
the Council before. I like to have some
good names to suggest.

In the event of the Council inviting you,
would you be willing to serve next year?
Now that you are free for this?
We meet once a week, here, Wednesdays
at 3.15.

I am very sincerely
P. Chalmers Mitchell

and
20.9.23

13 Lady Road, Edinburgh,
23rd Dec^r 1922.

My dear Prain,

You and Lady Prain
have heaped coals of fire upon
my head. Not that I am an
"enemy", but I have behaved
so badly in not answering,
I think, two letters. I wish
I could persuade you that
my not answering was a kind
of compliment - I could not
dash off just anything to
my old and learned friend,
Prain. As a matter of fact

I did write you a letter & sent it per Ken, our second boy, the ex-airman, then he was up in London after a post, but he had no time to deliver it. He got the post, a C.A. in ^{York}.

No more - I accept your forgiveness gladly.

Now that you have retired, are you burdened with the stium, or are you like me,

menquam minus stiosus quam
quam stiosus? I seem never able to clear off so as to get

at the bigger things I want to do. I trust it was age - so called - and not any necessity of health that led to your giving up Ken. Mrs. Morrison and I both hope Lady Prain keeps well.

Mrs. Morrison, you may not know, had a bad breakdown in July 1919 and has never got over it although she gets out on fine days in a chair and enjoys reading and writing in spite of being easily tired. Beta relieves her entirely of housekeeping.

Terry got a little son lately
and both he and his mother
are doing well.

With all good-wishes from
Mrs. Morrison, Beta and
myself to you and Lady Bram,
Believe me

Yours & sincerely

John Morrison.

Come to see you if you can
when you are in Edinburgh.

~~At B. the new address - ask in~~
~~the~~ ~~Barton~~ direction. Jm

ansd
27.XII.23

Hester

Lady Road

Edinburgh

23. XII. 1923

My dear Brain,

The time is round again
for expressions of the good-will
which is continuous although
unexpressed. Mrs. Morrison
and I wish you and Lady Brain
every happiness at this time
and during the coming new
year.

That's a sad story of Miss
Thompson's illness but I join with

you in your thankfulness that her speech was not affected. That is the case with my invalid also. It is dreadful when loss of speech, partial or complete, cuts off those physically helpless from exchange of thought with those about them. I am glad you report progress towards recovery for Lady Prain.

I have read your address on Gilbert White with enjoyment. Very many thanks for sending me a copy. He was a human evidently and not a mere in-

tellect. Turning to another subject, I dislike very much the historian who studiously avoids pronouncements upon the conduct of his character. I once heard the late Hume Brown describe his ideal historian as something like that.

Miss Morrison is very ready up or down and is very sensitive to the winter cold. Just now she is wonderfull well and reads a good deal in her forenoon "screening sessions" out of bed. We had until a week ago a very enjoyable long visit of little grandson, Archie - the name

Of course comes from Fettercairn
via my advocate brother in Aber-
deen. Three and a half is a very
interesting age in many ways. It was
at the intermediate stage between the
use of proper-names (& nouns in general)
and the use of the pronouns, e.g. "May
I Archie go down now from my
chair". The use of "I", somebody says,
is the birth-time of the child's mind.
But as a very interesting writer
says - the bore is the man who
tries "to tell you all that he knows
about any thing. So no more of Archie
being so very busy at Liverpool altho
he has not so many private patients
yet as he would like to have.
Archie is not his boy.
Believe me yours, sincerely
Wm Morrison

from Merrill

W. W. CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

E. D. MERRILL, DEAN

EDWIN C. VOORHIES,
ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN

March 14th 1924

Dear Sir David:-

Once in several years we correspond but I don't know who is delinquent just now. However as I have made a very radical change in my career it seems to be up to me to write.

Last July I went to Australia to attend the second Pan-Pacific Science Congress, returning to Manila early in October. I found awaiting me certain correspondence regarding my present position, - an inquiry if I would be a candidate. I cabled that I would favorably consider the matter, and three weeks later received a cablegram requesting my presence in San Francisco at an early date for conference expressing the hope that if appointment resulted it would not be necessary for me to return to Manila. On this basis then I left Manila on a week's notice - rather a hectic week as you may well imagine. I left Manila Nov. 3, arrived in San Francisco Dec 1, and after several conferences in December was appointed to my present position on Jan 8th, commencing work the next day.

I looked with something bordering on dismay on my separation from the Philippine Service,

—perhaps even as you considered your retirement from the Indian Service. However in your case you remained in botanical work at a very large botanical institution, while I have taken over an enormously difficult administrative position which will seriously interfere with much botanical work. Some idea of the magnitude of the job may be gained by the fact that I have the highest salaried position in the territory, next to the President; have a technical staff of 250 individuals; an annual budget of about \$4,900,000.00, and am the responsible head of agricultural work in this enormously wealthy state, where we have everything from placiers to almost tropical desert regions. The work is scattered from one end of the state to the other. There are, moreover, complex political situations to meet — some contrast to the quiet botanical work in which I was engaged in Manila.

I can't express my real regret at dropping out of the ~~public~~ botanical field in Manila. Had I gone into botany here it wouldn't have been as bad. However there seemed to be no remedy, and as the Spaniards say, paciencia! There seemed to be no future in the Philippine service — no fixed tenure of office, no pension, rather low salary, and all the time active political agitation for independence & to get Americans out of the service. My wife and children had been in California for seven years, and I was fairly well "fed up" on being almost continually separated from them — so I crossed the Rubicon for better or for worse, and at least have the satisfaction of now being with my family, in a white man's country, — which

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may have its drawbacks —, and connected with a very large institution, and one of excellent standing and reputation — and furthermore in a climate that, all the year round, can scarcely be surpassed.

Californians are "boasters" for California, but then they have some justification, for it is really a wonderful part of the world, and they don't look on me as a "foreigner".

I am planning to carry on some botanical work — just how much I can accomplish I do not know, but I feel that I must have some safety valve — that is, some special work quite apart from my administrative duties — and so I am planning to "carry on" somehow in botany. I've gotten so deeply into the Malaysian field that I think I will stick to it, rather than try to break into the Californian field, for there are plenty of botanists here to handle the local situation. It is some radical change for me however, to enter into my present field, and my feeling for the first few weeks can best be expressed by a single word — appalled. I am however, getting to be fairly well oriented, and in time I suppose will become more or less thoroughly adjusted to my present responsibilities and opportunities.

If I could shed the public aspects of my
position, I would be better satisfied, but this
doesn't seem possible, and so I suppose I'll have
to develop more or less as a public speaker
and a "public character" — many times however,
I know that I will wish that I were back in
the orient, rather than where I now am, but
will have to turn into a Shaitan, and remain
just, rather than follow my own inclinations
which would take me into the little known
and out-of-the-way parts of the world.

Very truly yours

Ed. Mendenhall

TELEPHONE,
WESTERN 2214.

8, ROXBURCH MANSION,
KENSINGTON COURT, W.8.

3 August 1914

My dear Prain,

It is very good
of you to write in such
friendly terms about my
appointment to Mauritius
& I much appreciate it.

You & I have been associated
in various scientific campaigns
altho' progress may have
seemed slow. I think that

Something substantial has been
achieved. I hope & believe that
progress will be more rapid
in the future.

Many thanks for your
hint as to health, the force of
which I fully realize.

I only hope that my
relations with my new
friends will be as uniformly
cordial & harmonious as ours
have been.

Yours very sincerely,

H. J. Read

from Oliphant



MADISON, WISCONSIN

7. vii. 1924.

My dear Sir David,

Today, being July 4th, is a holiday, which has given us some unaccustomed spare time! We have certainly had an intensive programme, our brains are beginning to resemble a well-used piece of blotting paper which needs changing! We have got together a mass of information & the time has been of the greatest value to us both. Everybody, I think we have been, has been kinder & more willing & we have made many valuable personal contacts. Winston, the Director here, has been especially kind, as indeed have all his staff. On Winston's advice we decided to cut

Bogalusa & the Southern Pine country out of our
programme & concentrate in this direction, & I
think the result has fully justified the
advice. After spending our fortnight, from
June 13th, at Madison, we went on to
Choquet for two days, then to Rich, to
your friend Mr. Gay Moxton from Saturday
afternoon to Sunday afternoon, thence to
Chicago for 2 days, & back here over the
holidays, which I am using to discuss
many details with Winston. On Sunday we
return to Chicago en route for Cadillac,
where we expect to spend 2 days. Then
to Toledo ^{if we fail to see a sleeper treating}
plant at Cadillac as well as other things
there, thence to Buffalo for 2 days,
Rochester 1 day, & on ^{Friday afternoon} Saturday I go to
Syracuse. Return to Montreal on Sunday,
13th. From Montreal we spend 2 days

with the Laurentide & I come back &
poked off various appointments in Montreal.
We sail from Montreal on July 19th by
the 'Regina' - a White Star boat - & hope
to arrive at Liverpool on Monday, July
28th, so that I hope to see you on
Tuesday, 29th.

The Laboratory at Montreal is most
disappointing. A thoroughly bad & black atmosphere.
Apart from Chapin's work, the only live thing
seemed to be the Paper & Path Section. I then
got full details & other points. If we embark
on that work we can get staff & equipment in
England. We shall have to do a good bit of
preliminary legwork in England first.

At Toronto we spent an interesting time at
the University with Dr. White & Howe. Likewise,
the British Columbia Lumber Commission there,
is a particularly good man. I visited two

with this letter in his company & got much
useful information, & got onto the track of a
new problem like, of which I have since got
much further information, which is being set up
in England by Sir James Calder on Lord Selkirk's
estate. I have put Madison onto it, & we shall
get still further expert information about it.

It is of the rotary type, something after the design
shown us by that bravo whose name I do not
remember - in the Grosvenor Road. I think it is
probably that there will be difficulties with it -
but none about this when I return.

Madison exceeds all our expectations. It is a
most remarkable organization they have a
splendid staff. I am more than ever
convinced, however, that the side of the
Science does not hold anything like the
place that it should do. They themselves
agree. Circumstances are against them. I can
quite see also that the means for coordination

to Prain 4-VII-1924



MADISON, WISCONSIN

which we have made - with, for instance, Oxford
& New - & the body of expert scientific advice
that we have under the constitution of the
Department, puts us in a great deal
stronger position than that of Madison. If we
can now get the right backing, &
sympathetic backing - from the Department, I
think we could not have a better chance
of leading the field in this work.

In saying that "it is worth of putting
money" to send Chapin & me to America,
the Forestry Commission are condemning out of
their own mouth. For Winston tells me that
Troop only spent two days here, & that
a total, on business, of 5 hours, & that

Robinson did not show up at all!
We have found even the time we have been
here all too short. As to their opinions
& statements on timber-testing, Chapman's report
will show that the F.C. are under a complete
misapprehension as to both method & fact. We
have got a full story now both from the
laboratory representatives of industry.
I have got very full details of organization &
administration.

We have made a special study of timber-drying,
with much help from Timmerman & Nelson, &
I have got from Thelen the design of an
experimental kiln that can be used as any
of the types which is just what we want.
I have been quite unable to locate a man
who is suitable as chief of our timber-drying
section. Winslow says they will be only too
willing to train a man for us, if we

Send him out here. They think he should be
trained for a year - 3 months at Madison,
6 months in the field with industry, & the 3
final months at Madison. Contrary to Brown's
opinion, they are unanimous in saying that
this man should be an engineer.

I have been through all the other sections, though
not so intensively. Effort to extract the
important points.

Letter, Nov. 1891, with the Indian Inst., says
that Pearson comes on leave next summer.

Mr. Morton's objection has great probability.
No expense spared! We shall be able to give
you interesting details.

We have been all sorts of different kinds of
wood-using industries. The Chaguet work is
being the best, for they have several
different trades coordinated, then waste is
reduced to a minimum.

The most valuable thing has been the large

number of personal contacts we have made, as
for instance with Hogue of the West Coast Forest
Products Bureau, from whom we have got very
valuable information on grading. We met him in
Chicago & were lucky enough to be there when the
Hardwood Mfg. Assoc. were holding a 2 day
conference on the subject. This has saved a visit
to New York.

Everyone we have met has looked us over, either
personally or by letter, to some one else. I met
Wissner whom I have seen a lot of him, with
corresponding advantage.

We both look with much more confidence to the
future work of establishing Fairbanks. We
cannot be too grateful to these people here
at Madison.

We have got a set of papers of the Kala-Doying
course.

[I am much ordering concerning the situation at
the Office, & Walter Brown has accepted the offer.]

This is a sketchy account of our work, & I
am much looking forward to being you again & giving
you the full account. I hope you are well.
Please remember us to Lloyd, David, & all interested.]

Yours sincerely
Phil V. B. [Signature]

12 June 1906. 39 Backs to Gardens,
Pars.

Dear Mr. David Prain.

Thank you for your
letter of the 15th about the
vacancy for a Librarian
& Assistant Secretary to the
Linnean Society; it was
very good of you to
write so fully.

I shall be writing
to you, so to speak
officially, in a day
or two about the

"Conference Subcommittee"

which will make the
preliminary arrangements
for our Entomological
Conference; I hope
you will be willing to
serve in it; we really
could not do without
you.

Yours sincerely

A. C. S. M. S.

39 Backs in Gardens

S.W.S.

11 June 1924

Dear Sir David Prain.

A friend of mine,
R. Whichworth, whom I have
known since we were at
school, tells me that he
has applied for the
post of Assistant Secretary
& Librarian to the
Linnean Society.

If I understand
rightly the qualifications
required, he should be

being well fitted for such an
opportunity out.

He has presumably
served in his 'record' to
the Society; but if there
is any information which
I could supply that
would help, I should
be delighted to do so.

I do not know
whether the application
will come before you,
but I thought that

perhaps you might know
the position & could

tell me when a decision
is likely to be arrived
at & whether he will
be in the morning.

Yours sincerely

A.C. Parkinson.

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27-2-24
19. 6-24



17th June, 1924.

Dear Sir David Prain,

At the General Meeting of the Managing Committee of the Imperial Bureau of Entomology, which was held on the 28th May, it was decided that a Sub-Committee should be formed for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements in connection with the Entomological Conference which has been fixed provisionally for June 1925.

The Committee further decided that the Sub-Committee should be composed of members of the Committee living in or near London, and that it should have power to add to its number other members of the Committee if required.

Sir Herbert Read hopes that you will be able to serve on the Sub-Committee. It is not contemplated that there should be an early meeting, nor should there be need, so far as can be seen, for the Sub-Committee to meet often; so it should not use up much of your time.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Parkinson

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR DAVID PRAIN, C.I.E., C.M.G., F.R.S.

from Percival

Prof. JOHN PERCIVAL, Sc.D.
(Professor of Agricultural Botany).

Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture,
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, READING.

Nov 1 1923

Dear Bram,

I do not know how or when the selection
is made of persons deemed suitable for the honour
of Fellowship of The Royal Society, but I thought I might
modestly ask you to consider, someday, my
monograph on the Heart Plant in this connection.

It was accepted as a thesis for the Doctorate
of Science at Cambridge - my old university -
and I have received many inspiring congratulations
upon it from botanists of many countries.

I hope you have seen and examined it,
or seen Keble's remarks of it in The Gardener's Chronicle,
and Biffen's remarks in Nature.

Perhaps Keble, Biffen, Randle, V. H. Mackman
and I hope yourself might say a word in
my favour if such is the practice when names are
being considered.

My discovery of the causal connection
of Stereum purpureum with the "Scab-leaf" of fruit trees
and the first investigation of Synchytrium endobioticum
(that Ascaris fungus) may be mentioned as

well, perhaps, as my Textbook of
Agricultural Botany, which for twenty years has
been used in all English Speaking countries
for over twenty years and recently translated
into Arabic!

Yours very truly
J. M. Coulter.

Prof. JOHN PERCIVAL, Sc.D.
(Professor of Agricultural Botany).

Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture,
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, READING.

Nov 29 1923

My dear Prami,

I am indeed grateful to you for
your letter.

I was quite ignorant of the procedure
regarding the matter, but felt that I
might write to you about it. At the same
time I had an uneasy feeling regarding
the etiquette of doing so. However, your kindly
explanatory letter leaves me happier, and as
I have never mentioned the matter to anyone
but yourself it can be left as you suggest.
With kindest regards

Yours very truly
Percival.

Dear Hetherington,

Please see Farmer's letter enclosed.

I am glad he had been able to go into
matters so thoroughly.

Perhaps the best plan will be to adopt his
suggestion for a conference here next week and on
night at least manage to fix a day and hour
for this on Friday evening.

Yours sincerely

D. Prain

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Sir David Prain

I will manage a good many alternative times
next week & we can fix on one at Kew. (What I sh.)
like as a result of the talk is a short memo. wh. might
conveniently go to the D.C. (if that is necessary) & then to the C.A. Office
as our St. -

If you are going to Kew from the office
might we go together?

Chas.
7/6.

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr David Paine
C.M.G., F.R.S.



12, Heath New Gardens

Putney Heath
SW 15

[Stamp: 24/5]

80, Bushwood Road
Kew.
1. 6. 1922

Enclosed the promised address :-

Mrs. Lerta Lurin,

13 Kuznetschnyi,
Petrograd.

She wrote from that address the last
time in 1915 or 1916.

With kind regards Yours sincerely
H. S. G.

Grahamstown March 21st 1923.

Dear Sir David,

I greatly appreciated your very kind letter of Jan. 1st and cordially reciprocate your wishes though I am rather late in answering. I put it off a few days after the letter reached me and then I found it advisable to go to hospital to be operated upon for femoral hernia. The operation was quite successful but of course it took the usual time to get over it. Then I found heaps of affairs and as term had begun and the number of our students had considerably improved I had my hands pretty full and generally had to go to bed early as I felt too tired to do anything in the evening. I am, however, almost in my normal state of health and walk about a good deal though for some weeks longer I have to be very careful.

It came home to me that an operation was necessary while I was on a job that might interest you. It had been reported to me that species of *Lantana* were threatening to become serious pests in our parts. We have a native species, *L. sebinaefolia*, which is not a weed in the ordinary sense of the term, but I found that *L. camara* which is such a serious pest in India & other tropical & subtropical countries (including parts of Natal) had been collected at Port Alfred. There is good evidence to show that it

was planted as a hedge-plant at Finkenston, Rathfriland
and Portludra, but rovine did I found that it had spread,
although at the last named place it has been at least 20 years
(how much longer I cannot tell). There is even good evidence
to show that it gradually disappears in all these places
for which we are thankful as we have already caught early
beeds.

I have been busy last year putting together a list of the plants of ^{the} Kazusa region. It is far from complete yet, but it abundantly proves that my impression was correct that this region is only an extension of the S.W. Coast Region, & that the forest patches are made up of

interlopers. It is an overwhelmingly rich & interesting region
& it seems strange that the literature has so neglected
by collectors. In my list are large additions even to the
most recent monographs, not to speak of the first 3 vols
of the H. Cap. which give quite a wrong impression of it.
There are also a number of new species which we should
only expect as so many S. Western species have only a
very local distribution.

Our Forest Department has now placed a research officer at the Kanyara, a Mr. Phillips who seems to be very keen and firm whom we may expect good work.

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I have been a good deal lately in the Anatolia mts. There
 there are again a number of very important forest patches.
 I have been chiefly interested in a Heliosyrum (*H. argro-
 phyllum*) which has taken possession of many sq. miles of
 good pasture land. It was originally described to me
 as a terrible weed, but I find it is really a blessing in
 disguise. The land is pastured by cattle, goats & sheep
 owned by natives & is simply overstocked, the grasses being
 largely been eaten out. Overstocking in many parts of
 S. Africa is responsible for a terrible amount of erosion
 and denudation, but in the Anatolians fortunately
 the Heliosyrum has stepped in and is covering all the
 bare patches. I am sure that if the grasses are left alone
 a few years they will get the upper hand again &
 the land can be regained as good pasture land. We have
 started experiments to prove this. I may add that
 not even a ^{hanger} goat will touch the Heliosyrum.

Our Government which for years has made considerable
 plantations in various parts of the country, has last
 year made a great forward ^{move} in afforestation, partly
 because they realize that it is a good thing, partly
 because they had to find work for the unemployed.
 As regards Forest Product Problems I am afraid

4)

I am only acquainted with them in a very superficial manner, but we have some really smart & keen forest-officers who would only be too pleased to give any desired information. Amongst those with whom I am personally acquainted I would especially mention Mr. Legat, the Chief Conservator, Pretoria — Mr. J. D. Keet, Conservator of forests, Pretoria (an exceptionally observant and able man with wide experience in various parts of S. Africa) — Mr. J. D. Stainer, District Forest Officer, Kerkammahoek (originally trained at Kew). However if there are any particular points in which I can help or collect information upon, please let me know. I shall at all costs show which ways to turn on to get the desired results.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
S. S. Shoen

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, U. S. A.

January 30, 1923.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir David Prain
Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew
Surrey, England.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so good as to mail me a reprint of
your presidential address before the economic biologists
upon "Some Relations of Economic Biology?" I want to
have this on file so that my students can read it for the
good of their souls.

Thanking you for your trouble, I am

Very truly yours,

Paul B. Sears

Assistant Professor of Botany.

March 27
1924

9, CHADLINGTON ROAD,
OXFORD.

My dear Prain,

My sciatica experts refuse permission to me to attend at the Roy. Soc. on Wednesday next. They will allow me only one railway trip to London next week & urge the Thursday for that as being one day later than Wednesday. A Chairman will be wanted for the Govt. Grant Gen. Comm.^{ee} on the Wednesday. I am writing to Hardy, but am not sure my note to him will catch him in good time. Perhaps you would not mind writing to him, or would arrange with Hardy about it.

I direct this to your home address because of a second matter, namely the Athenaeum Comm. Rule II on Tuesday, which the above prescription from my 'medicos' inclusively excludes me from. For that meeting I have, ~~supper~~

believing I could attend, nominated Paton,
my ~~old~~ colleague, very eligible in all respects
I think, & to whom, as he proposes coming to
live near London, membership of the Athenaeum
would be a most pleasurable 'amenity'.

You yourself are bringing forward a Candidate,
and I write to say that I am asking
Eglazebrook if he can see his way to
taking charge of Paton's Candidature, &
am adding that, had I been able to ^{be} present,
and found, as voting proceeded, that support
for Paton was unlikely to suffice for him
this time, I should then ask leave to

to ~~withdraw his name~~ ^{withdraw his name} ~~lest his~~ ^{in the circumstances}
insufficient; votes hampered the success of
another 'Science' candidate; for instance
jeopardised Graham, & to our purpose for
Paton. Forgive this somewhat lengthy
note.

Yours sincerely
C. S. Sherrington.

P.S. I hope that if the Grants have to be cut down, the
grant of £25 to Miss D. Garrod will not suffer - she deserves
and needs all that small sum.

July 21
1924
9, CHADLINGTON ROAD,
OXFORD.

My dear Prain,

at the instance of some
whom know him & his work well
I am undertaking to write of
Dr. Michael Grabham's deserts
to the Prime Minister, in hope
that claims to a titular honour
for him may be considered when
occasion offers. I was impressed
by a letter I had from you regarding
him earlier this year when his
name was up before the Athenaeum
Committee. I should, if you see
fit, and can spare time to do so,
be interested in your opinion, as to his services
to Botany, or Natural Science in

general. Please forgive
my troubling you thus.

Yours sincerely
C. S. Sherington

July 25
9, CHADLINGTON ROAD,
1924
OXFORD.

My dear Prain,
Thank you
much for the help of your
valuable letter. The difficulty
it mentions as to much of the
public service rendered having
fallen outside the British
Empire seems lessened by
its incidence lying within
that of an ally, and
where British interests are
large. Taking the case
in its entirety it seems to
me deserving of being put
forward, although not

extremely strong. And
you kindly enable such
statement of it as I can
make to be given more
justly than would have
been possible for me without
having ^{had} your help. Again
thanking you.

Yours sincerely
C. S. Sherrington.

March 12th 1888.

Dear Sir David,

I find I very stupidly posted
an envelope to you today without
putting a note I had written
to you inside. It was to thank
you for your kind letter of
inquiry about my husband.
He seems to be slightly better
this is endorsed by Dr. Hallam

laid of France for three weeks
on the 10th of April.

our family doctor & his Archibald
farrod, but both think it
may take some weeks before
this acute attack of sciatica
is cured, so that they think
it wise for him to keep very
quiet this month of 4 weeks
& if any how possible keep
at home. I had
already made to go to the

My husband is extremely sorry
to have to what he calls "jettison"
his friends to meet with broken
engagements & with asking
others just now to be so kind
for him; but I feel if he could
only get less broken nights
(it is always between 2 a.m. & 6 a.m.
that he has his worst times)
he would speedily pull round,
& in the daytime he looks all

all the better for the enforced
rest in bed -

My kind remembrances to
Lady Baine, & thanks to her
& you for your sympathy to my
unwilling invalid,

Yours sincerely,

Ethel Sherrington.

and
8.2.23

CHRIST'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

6 February 1923.

My dear Prain,

I want your help again. Annandale has returned to the attack and has evidently made an effort to get some support, but both Marshall, whose letter I enclose, and I think that the attack is weaker than the last one.

What I want you to do, if you will be so kind, is to look through my reply and see if it is in the proper sort of official language that ought to be used. I am certain I have the India Office here at my back and I cannot but believe that the members of the Staff of the Indian Museum and at Pusa and elsewhere have as much as they can possibly do to keep the proper work going and their collections catalogued. I do not feel they have enough spare time to write these volumes, even if they had the material.

Yours very sincerely,

CR Shipley

msd
2.9.23

43 BELGRAVE TERRACE,
ABERDEEN.

2/7/23



Dear Sir David Brin

Principal Adam Smith told me today
that he had written asking you to review
for the "University Review" the memorial
Volume to Professor Trail, and asked me to
send you a copy. It will be sent out to all
subscribers, but shall try to let you have
an advance copy. I think you will be
pleased by the collection we have been able
to include & trust that the work of the
(sometimes too large) staff of editors will meet
with your approval.

We have been fortunate in our artist

and the Plague promises to be a real success.
We plan to have the whole Annual
complete by October - in time for the opening
of the new Department of Botany.

Belius an

Yours very truly

Wagner & Skene

Macgregor Shene 1

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY,
THE UNIVERSITY,
ABERDEEN, 29th November, 1923.

DEAR Sir,

MEMORIAL to the late
PROFESSOR JAMES W. H. TRAIL.

I have pleasure in informing you that the work of the Memorial Committee has now been completed.

The Memorial Tablet will be unveiled by Sir David Prain, C.I.E., LL.D., F.R.S., in the **New Botany Department, The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen, on Friday, 7th December, at 4.15 p.m.**

Principal Sir George Adam Smith, D.D., LL.D., F.B.A., will accept the Tablet on behalf of the University.

It is hoped that as many of the subscribers as possible will attend this ceremony.

The Memorial Volume is also complete, and a copy will be sent to you in the course of the next week.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

MACGREGOR SKENE,

Hon. Secretary.

and
8.7.23



University of Aberdeen.

July 6 1923

Dear Sir David Prain,

By September the Committee in charge of the Memorials to the late Professor Prain hope to publish a Memorial Volume, containing his Flora of the City Parish of Aberdeen which he left nearly completed and an autobiographical sketch.

On behalf of the Committee of the Aberdeen University Review, I write to ask whether you would do us the service of writing either an article or a review of the volume. If you can we shall be very grateful & I shall have a copy of the volume sent to you on publication. We can give it the space of 5 or 6 pages, or less or more as you may think right.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
George Adam Smith



University of Aberdeen.

Jan 10 1924

Dear Sir David

Many thanks for your
review of "The Trail Memorial
Volume" for the Aberdeen Univ-
ersity Review. I have sent it
to the printers with instructions
to let you have a proof.

It will appear in the March
number of the Review. I am
very grateful to you for undertake-
ing it.

With kindest regards

Yours very truly
George Adams Smith

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Royal Aircraft Establishment
Farnborough.

Nov. 27th/23.

Dear Sir David,

Many thanks for your letter
this morning. I am so sorry that
I am fixed up next Monday, as
Capt. Maxwell explained on the telephone,
but we have Genl. Baginell-Wild
with some of his Staff, and the Aerona-
tical Inspection Dept's H.Q. Staff
coming down at the same time
as the proposed visit of your Board
and yourself.

Anyway, as I realize that it is impossible
for your Board to visit the R.H.E. on a day more
suitable for me next week, please carry
on as usual, but I insist upon your all
coming up for lunch at the Mess. ^{intimate} Arrangements
have been, owing to the extra numbers,
for lunch for you and your Board at 1.30
or a little earlier, if you prefer, as some
of the party may wish to catch the 2 pm
train for which I shall be glad to
provide transport.

Capt. Medcalf will be free to render
any assistance on Monday.

I want you to understand that were I
resident in Farnborough, as I hope to be
shortly, I should be glad to welcome you
all there. As it is at present, I can only
entertain my guests at the Mess.

Yours sincerely
W Sydney Smith

Very busy to deal with my reply during absence from home.
Kindly excuse this scrawl.

I expect I shall have to be busy
with them on a Special Conference
dealing with Contracts Technical
Supervision for the greater part of
the time they are here, and in
consequence I shall be unable
to look after creature comforts as
regards you and your Board as
I should very much like to do.

My limited transport will
therefore not be available at Tam-
boorah Station for all your party,
though probably some of you will
be able to find a seat or so.

and
3.1.24

Byarsford

Northwood

Middlesex.

Dec 14th/23.

Dear Sir David,

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst, which was forwarded on time from Farnborough.

I am glad everything went well for your visit there last Monday week, and I was very sorry that I could not be there.

As a matter of fact I have been doing too much, and this combined with an extra amount of worry proved to be the last straw. So I am away

at home doing absolutely nothing
until the New Year. The M.O. was
over to see me yesterday afternoon and
there are his orders. As I feel at
present I shrink the slightest inclination
to resume work there, for I realize it
would only lead to more and more
worry.

It seems strange that Head Quarters
cannot realize that an atmosphere
of endless turmoil, reorganization and
interference by the Secretariat is an
impossible one for research. If we
could only be left in peace for a year
or two, we might produce something.

and I should then be really happy in my job.
Again very many thanks, and with kindest
regards and best wishes for Xmas & the New Year.

Yours sincerely

W Sydney Smith

When Telephoning with regard to this letter please ask for Extension Number.....

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(L. & S.W. Section).

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The Superintendent.

REFERENCE :

ROYAL AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHMENT,
SOUTH FARNBOROUGH.
HANTS.

July 23rd /24.

Dear Sir David,

Your letter to hand this morning. The 28th inst. will suit me quite well, as I have ^{only} one or two minor engagements booked for that day.

I shall be pleased to meet Professor Farmer too.

Holidays seem to be altogether out of the question for me this year, except for an occasional half days golf, but I am keeping extremely fit and well.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W. Sydney Smith

P.S. I presume you will be travelling by the train arriving at Farnborough at 10.14 am.

P.S. Smith

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TELEGRAMS
SPOTTISWOOD
GLANMIRE

April 17. 1924

GLENBURN, GLANMIRE,
CO. CORK.

My dear Prain

It is a long time since
we have gathered! - I am sorry
to seem to forget you - but
I don't forget you or your good
wife - I hope you are both
quite well - I often wonder
how you amuse yourself now
you are out of office - Occasion-
ally I see my friend & neighbour
R. H. Beaumont when I
go through his wonderful
rock garden brings your
name up - and then I al-
ways say to myself "I must
write" but like I wish good
intentions that has hitherto
gone the way to pass the
road to a

"Not" place as we are often
reminded!! However this time
I am really trying to carry my
good intentions into effect!!
We are still here; almost
literally "The Lash of The Molehead"
We had bought this place under
the benevolent "Wynndhamitch"
of 1903 and at the time I had
thought we had made a great
coup - and so we had, for
when the "boom" was on in 1919
we could have recouped ourselves
all we had spent £3000 and
moreover got a lot in addition.
But we were held back by
2 great reasons - one was my
wife's eye sight - She got
Glaucoma and tho we were in
the hands of Cross of Clifton -
Bristol he let us down! - He
never mentioned the word
Glaucoma or warned us

TELEGRAMS-
SPOTTISWOODE
"GLANMIRE"

GLENBURN, GLANMIRE,
CO. CORK.

to look up - and it was only
by chance we came across a
most brilliant little oculist
here the latest exponent of the
"Schools" who told us - that
she must be operated on at
once - and what had left of
her sight he saved - but
this a long story too long
for a letter - Suppose it to
day she can read a bit
and write a bit - but she is
no longer the traveller she had
and could therefore easily come
to grief outside alone - so
we are much tied - then
the other reason of our not
wanting to go was we did
not wish to leave our faithful
followers outside -

- And also we had a comfortable
home - However in those days
we did not suspect we would be
abandoned by the District.
Sork III. - And now it might
be difficult to sell the place
So we are in a worse position
Ca II. Of course too we have
had necessities & robberies -
In the state of her mind
does make my wife reluctant
to move - added to the fact
how & where could a "blind"
woman find a new home
& if when found, how could
she see to paint & paper it
I see all of which in normal
conditions would be joy but
in her abnormal state pain
& grief & worry - but still
No doubt, sooner or later we
shall move - and we have
the comfort & consolation of

TELEGRAMS:-
SPOTTISWOODS
"GLANMIRE."

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from Prah 17.10.1924

GLENBURN, GLANMIRE,
CO. CORK.

Knowing that wherever we do
go our devoted & hard working
Staff of Dermats more or less
born in this place & never
served elsewhere will all
stick to us through thick &
- thin - I'm enough of myself
as I say, and as I am
sure for say —
It will be many a day before
this Country rises! The
want & destitution caused
by the British hurried
is awful - & there is no
"employment" - These
"Trades Unions" placed
above the Law have raised

wages to such a pitch that
"the English Gov^t had paid
up for the burning of Cork
(which we witnessed from our
windows)" & the money is
lying at interest for 50/ for
the Gov^t to enjoy!! Scarcely
a move had been made or
will be made (? suspected) for
many a day yet - and
The Queen's coronation & the
scare for another year the
returning Americans which
was predicted & commenced
returning. This was told me
this morning by the leading
Auctioneer here. A man
who yesterday sold the ancestral
estate of the oldest family in
Ireland to a cattle farmer
for £3250!!

from Train 17-IV-1924

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TELEGRAMS
SPOTTISWOODS
"GLANMIRE"

GLENBURN, GLANMIRE
CO. CORK.

On which lately £7000 had been
Spent by the family
All soldiers liked Ireland
and the loss to the British
Army of Ireland as a
Station is great very great.
Do not think this, because
I am not giving a glowing
account that I am a pessimist.
On the contrary I am an
Optimist. I should be off
at once! - Now good bye
We both send you and your
wife our kindest regards
I remember and

Believe me to remain
my dear Train
Always Yours Very
Sincerely
Robert Spotswood