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NATHISMUS,
SOUTHERNS, LONDON.

April 2. 1928

Dear Mr Gilman,

I think you are wise
to take another year at
Cambridge and finish your
course. When the time
comes, say in about a year's
time, I may be able to make
a helpful suggestion.

I should be glad to have
plants from Labrador - if
your friend could call
here before he leaves I

might give him some
useful hints as to methods
of collection.

Yours sincerely,
A. B. Rendle

All communications should be
addressed to

THE DIRECTOR

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

4th May, 1929.

Dear Mr. Gilmour,

One of Professor Holden's men at Nottingham is coming to Kew next week for a fortnight to work on the ferns in order to see how he likes the group. He took his degree a year or two ago, has a strong taxonomic bent, and is applying for the vacancy here in the autumn.

I shall be glad to hear how the fern work appeals to you at present. We have just filled a few vacancies with regard to flowering plants and I do not think that there will be another vacancy just at present, though there will almost certainly be one before very long.

I don't want to hurry you at all but in view of the man coming next week I should like to know how you feel towards ferns and whether you would like to consider the fern post or whether you have definitely decided to turn it down. If you decide on the latter course I hope very much you may still come to Kew and apply for the next phanerogamic vacancy which occurs. If you really like the subject I am sure there is a chance here for you to get on.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Cotton

J. S. L. Gilmour, Esq.,
Clare College,
Cambridge.

Confidential



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY.

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addressed to THE DIRECTOR.

24/6/29

Dear Eilmour

You may care to know
we are thinking of an alteration
with regard to the Fern work
here. We may split Bryophytes
& Pteridophytes & give them to
two men $\frac{1}{2}$ time each. We
have a fairly good Bryologist
on the place & might even find
a fern man.

If you are not too far
implicated with the Deciduous
work you might like to
reconsider the Kew post
in the autumn. S-Hill

tells me he will let you
know but in case it
slips his memory. I write
to say the post will
probably be advertised
during the first few weeks
of Sept & you should
look out for it ("Nature" &
"the Times") or you can write
to D. Hill direct & enquire.

I am leaving this week
for S. Africa & do not know
of course what final
arrangements the Director
may make, but I wanted
to make sure that you
heard there was a
possibility of a phanerogam
post being vacant in
Sept. Yours sincerely
H. S. G. Cotton

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THE DIRECTOR

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

25th June, 1929.

Dear Mr. Gilmour,

I do not know what you are thinking of doing now that you have successfully dealt with your Tripos, but as I told you when I saw you here last, there will be a vacancy in the Herbarium at the beginning of September which will be duly advertised in Nature.

Normally this post should be on the Cryptogamic side, but I think it is possible we should be able to adjust matters in such a way that our new assistant will not be required to give the whole of his time to the Cryptogams.

I should be glad to know whether you would care to be considered for the post if it was half time devoted to the Phanerogams and half to Cryptogams, as I rather gathered from what you said that the Cryptogams did not at present interest you so much as the Flowering plants.

As I think you know I cannot offer you a post here directly, as you would have to come before a Selection Committee with other people who may apply to be considered for the post. I shall be very glad to know whether you are still wishing to get a post in connection with herbarium work, and, if so, whether you would like to be considered for the post at Kew when it falls vacant.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Hill

John S.L. Gilmour, Esq.,
21, Gloucester Place,
Portman Square,
W.



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THE DIRECTOR

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY.

9th January, 1930.

Dear Gilmour,

Many thanks for your letter of January 8th
with enclosure from M. Le Brun, which I return.

I am extremely disappointed that the French
people have found somebody to fill the vacancy, and
that therefore your chance of taking part in this
interesting excursion has been lost. I very much
regret that I raised your hopes in the matter in the
way I did, as I understood when I heard of the vacancy,
that there would be no difficulty about it. I am
afraid the delay caused by the New Year may have spoilt
your chances.

Chipp is very sorry that he is not to have you
as a companion, and I am extremely sorry that you are
not able to go, as I feel sure the combination of you
and Chipp would have been very interesting and most
useful.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Hill

J. Gilmour, Esq.,
Clare College,
Cambridge.

Paramaribo, 3 Nov. 29

all was successful and left Paramaribo for the night and
all went to the hotel. The hotel was very comfortable and
very comfortable. I was very comfortable and very comfortable.

With no more to say I
will close for now. I am
very comfortable and very comfortable.
My dear Sir John,
I am very comfortable and very comfortable.

Many thanks for your letter of Aug. 29th and the
two photos! I was very glad indeed to hear from you and
to be remembered by this on the nice time we had in
Brazil. — This year we digged again in letter-press
and made some further studies about these most inter-
esting ants.

In October I was flying on 3 subsequent days
over the interior of Surinam as far as to the big
Brazilian savannah on the upper Tumina river.
It was marvelous. We found there on the savannah
a splendid open field, where landing with planes is
possible, only I then from the Netherlands - Brazilian
boundary. It is not impossible, that I will fly next July
to this savannah to collect plants. Pule is now looking for
money. The same day ^{you} think, you may collect a 50
savannah number on a piece, where you had at least 2 months
to come. — Bilancourt was then in Surinam on his trip to
the anthropological Congress in New York. We made some ex-
cursions and collected a big lot of leaves infected by *Blissus*
per.

the speciality of Bilancourt. Other leaf diseases even the most interesting, were not collected. He is still traveling round America and will now be, I suppose somewhere in Peru or Chili.

I told him about "doble aqui" and asked him for some specimens of this bag. 4 weeks ago J. Gonçalves Carneiro, Engenheiro Agrônomo, sent me two of these bags by airmail! So, one is for next year's Christmas! With kindest regards from

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

Sept. 22/31

Dear Gilman

Heartiest congratulations on your
appointment as Assistant Director of Kew! It
must be a fascinating post to fill, and it will
give you a wonderful opportunity. We shall greatly
miss you here, but doubtless we shall see you
from time to time.

Yours sincerely
F. T. Brooks



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY.

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23/5/31

My dear Gilman

The Director tells
the matters are now
fairly far advanced
so I write & send my
warmest congratulations
I hope you will like
the work. I am very
pleased, & look forward

to many years of friendly
& happy co-operation

Yr

A. S. Cotton

Don't trouble to reply
we shall meet somewhere
no doubt during
the next few days

275 Reprints
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everybody
25th February, 1932.

Dear Dr. Rendle,

I am enclosing the manuscript of the "Schedae" for the Journal of Botany about which Mr. W. T. Stearn has written to you. I must apologise for the delay in completing it. This has been entirely due to me, as I have been able to find very little time in my new post for work of my own.

Stearn arranged with you, I think, for us to have reprints for cutting up and attaching to the Exsiccatae. I hope you will not mind my asking if you can arrange for the publication of these notes as soon as possible, as several exchange arrangements are being held up owing to my delay in putting the manuscript into shape.

As regards the MS itself, although it is rather full of corrections, I hope it is in a fit state for the printer. I suggest that the list of synonyms after the main heading should be in smaller type than the rest of the letter press, so as to save space. I have press-marked each "Scheda" for large Clarendon, small capitals, small Clarendon, and italics; and I hope that the general lay-out is clear. Mr. Stearn, whose address is 22 Victoria Road, Cambridge, will correct the proofs if you could arrange for them to be forwarded to him.

Both Mr. Stearn and myself are grateful to you for giving us the opportunity of publishing these notes in the Journal of Botany and I must apologise again for the delay in sending you the manuscript.

Yours very truly,

Dr. A. B. Rendle, F.R.S.,
"Tolland",
The Mount,
Fetcham Park, LEATHERHEAD.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, SURREY.

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THE DIRECTOR.

30th March, 1932.

Dear Dr. Rendle,

Enc.

I am enclosing the MS of an article on the Cambridge University Herbarium, for which I am hoping you may be able to find room in the Journal of Botany.

It is rather long, I am afraid, and, if you accept it, perhaps it could appear either in several parts or as a supplement.

I hope you will agree that it is desirable to have on record the history and extent of the Cambridge Herbarium and that the present article should both be useful to systematic workers and also stimulate increased activity at the Herbarium.

I wonder if there is any news yet of Stearn's Schedae from the printers. He is becoming increasingly anxious to learn the fate of it!

Yours sincerely,

John St. Filmer

Dr. A. B. Rendle, F.R.S.,
"Talland",
The Mount,
Fetcham Park,
LEATHERHEAD.

*Wants a lot of editing
Names could be amplified by
insertion of initials*



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April 4. 32

Dear Mr. Filmer,

I am afraid that
the list of Collectors in the
Cambridge Herbarium is
scarcely suitable for the
Journal. It is ~~a~~ useful
certainly but suggests
rather a separate publica-
tion in pamphlet form.

The list requires a
little editing - I have
not gone carefully through

it but many of the entries
might be amplified by
initials of the Collector -
one or two I have indicated.

A. Grimes I think represents
two persons.

I hope to let you know
shortly as to Shearer's 'Schedule'.
The Journal is very 'full up'
at present and publishers
object if I ~~add~~ to a preliminary
Supplement in addition to
an Interim full number.

Yours sincerely,
A. Rendle

57-1/32

Dear Dr. Rendle,

Thank you for your letter and for returning the Cambridge Herbarium MS.

We might perhaps try the Cambridge Phil.Soc., as being more nearly concerned with Cambridge matters.

Many thanks for your helpful notes on the MS. I had intended going through it again. I sent it on to you just as I received it from Tutin at Cambridge, and your remarks will be very useful in revising it.

I am glad that you expect news of the Schedae shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A. B. Rendle, F.R.S.,
"Talland",
The Mount,
Fetcham Park,
LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.

25th April, 1932.

Dear Dr. Blackman,

Last autumn I discussed with Professor Seward the publication of the descriptive notes to accompany two sets of exsiccata prepared by W. T. Stearn (of Bowes and Bowes) and myself. They are being issued as a contribution from the Botany School Herbarium and Professor Seward agreed that the Botany School would pay something towards the cost of publication. At the time we had no means of estimating this. Now, however, Dr. Rendle, as editor of the Journal of Botany in which we hope the notes will appear, has obtained an estimate from the printers as to the cost of printing, separates, etc. The amount is £32, of which the Journal of Botany is willing to pay £16. I am writing to you, in the Professor's absence, to ask how much you think the Botany School will be able to pay towards the cost of publication.

The sum is rather larger than I had anticipated and neither Stearn (naturally) nor I (after expenses of moving into a new house!) will find it easy to raise very much! We have taken considerable trouble over the preparation of the exsiccata and, as nothing of the kind has ever been issued from the Botany School - and rarely from Britain - before, I very much hope that the Botany School may be able to help towards its publication. The sets are intended for institutions all over the world and should help to spread the knowledge that Cambridge possesses a Herbarium and that work is being done there. Stearn would give you any further details if you desired them.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) JOHN S. L. GILMOUR,

Asst. Director.

~~Sd. ARTHUR W. HILL~~

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

Dr. F. F. Blackman, F.R.S.,
Botany School,
CAMBRIDGE.

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

10 May 1932

Dear Gilman,

I have thought over your letter several times but I have not arrived at any principles by which to determine ~~the~~ the magnitude of the departmental contribution to your exsiccata.

It really seems to depend upon what Seward had in his mind & what he led you to expect. If you ~~had~~ revealed the last factor I could act on that, but otherwise ~~you~~ I would ask whether it is possible to wait till we learn the former from Seward.

Yours sincerely
J.A. Blackman

12th May, 1932.

Dear Dr. Blackman,

Many thanks for your letter about the exsiccata notes. Professor Seward mentioned no definite sum in our conversation, as we had no figures to go on at the time. Perhaps the best thing to do would be for me to write direct to Professor Seward in America and put the facts before him. I would not suggest bothering him on holiday, except that the matter, having been delayed, is rather urgent; a good deal of exchange activity is being held up.

If you agree to this course, I would be very grateful if you could write fairly soon, and also if you would kindly give me Professor Seward's American address.

Yours sincerely,

(Ed.) JOHN S. L. GILBERT,
Asst. Director

Dr. F. F. Blackman, F.R.S.,
Botany School,
CAMBRIDGE.

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

16 May 1932

Dear Gilman

I am sorry to be making delay about
finance. I had imagined the work would go forward
and the indebtedness be distributed afterwards.
Your original letter to me has been sent $\frac{1}{2}$ on to Prof.
Seward.

The address he left with me is
% Miss Belloni
1115 Fifth Avenue
New York N.Y.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

J. J. Blackman

18th May, 1932.

Dear Dr. Rendle,

Stearn has told me the printers' estimate for the Schedae of which you have the MS, and that the Journal of Botany will contribute £16 out of the £32. As Professor Seward is in America it is difficult to find out at once how much the Botany School at Cambridge will contribute, but, to avoid delay, I am prepared to guarantee the remaining £16 without hearing from him. I presume that the printing can now go forward. I think Stearn asked you in a previous letter if you would kindly send the proofs to him for correction.

Could you let me know how soon you will actually want the £16? The longer this can be put off - provided, of course, that the printing is not delayed - the more convenient it would be for me!

Yours sincerely,

Dr. A. B. Rendle, F.R.S.,
"Talland",
The Mount,
Fetcham Park,
LEATHERHEAD.

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

30 June, 1932.

My dear Gilmour,

Now that I have returned I must without delay deal with your letters relating to a grant toward the cost of publication of the herbarium notes. As I told you some time ago, I am in sympathy with the publication of such notes and the only difficulty is the financial one. Our position has not improved since we had our original conversation. If, however, you still require £16 we will contribute £10 from this Department, but I do not at present feel justified in recommending more than this. Will there not be some return from the sale of reprints, which might make up the remaining £6? I shall, however, be glad if you will let me know the present position and tell me what you think of my suggestion.

My wife and I have had a wonderful time, and various botanists enquired after you, but it is impossible for me to remember who they were. I hope you are now comfortably settled in your house and that everything goes well. It will, I trust, not be long before I pay you a visit, and I should particularly like to do so in the near future.

With our kindest regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Seward

J. S. L. Gilmore

2nd July, 1932.

My dear Master,

Many thanks for your letter. I realise that financial times are very bad and I thank you very much for offering to contribute £10, which I gratefully accept, towards the publication of the Schedae. Would there be any objection to utilizing any money which may result from selling the Herbarium sets in helping towards paying off the remaining £6? I do not think that we shall make very much out of reprints.

The present position is that, having written to Rendle in May saying that, if necessary, I would guarantee the whole £16, he said that he hoped to start printing in the July number of the Journal. Since then I have heard nothing, so I suppose there has been some delay. I do not expect the demand for the £16 will come in for some time.

I am very glad that you and Mrs Seward had such a good time in America. Did you meet Dr. Eames again, who worked in the room in the Museum before the Congress?

We shall be very pleased to see you any time you can manage to come along. We have a bed in which I think you would be fairly comfortable. Just let us know when you would like to come.

With kindest regards to Mrs Seward and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Prof. A. C. Seward, Sc.D., F.R.S.,
Botany School,
CAMBRIDGE.

SFC
for J.S.L.

P.T.O.

PS: As I have to leave before this letter
can be typed, I am asking Mr. Ormsby to sign
it for me.

Account of Cambridge Herbarium ~~Disch~~

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

12 May, 1933.

Dear Gilmour,

Thank you for sending me the typescript, which is a rather formidable document. I have looked through the introductory part and have made a few verbal alterations, but I will go through it again and let you see my suggestions.

The next thing is to decide what to do with it. It will probably cost a good deal to print and I am not sure whether we could persuade any journal to take it without a subsidy, but I will think it over and let you know what I decide.

Yours very sincerely,

A. C. Seward



BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

10 June, 1933.

Dear Gilmour,

I have obtained an estimate for the printing of the account of the herbarium and it amounts to £12 10s. Od. I should like to add a short reference to two important herbaria recently received, namely a large collection from Mr Little and a still larger British herbarium from the late Mr Bickham.

I am afraid we must not spend even £12 10s. Od. at present from our own funds as we have to save every penny we can in view of the new buildings, which are about to be begun. Is there any chance of the Kew Bulletin printing the typescript as a supplement and charging part of the expense to this Department? This was suggested at a staff meeting yesterday, and I promised to send it on to you. I am certainly anxious to do something with the typescript, and the question is - what?

Yours sincerely,

A. C. Seward

11th June, 1933.

Dear Professor Seward,

Many thanks for your letter regarding the herbarium list. I am afraid that there is no possibility of this being published as a supplement to the Kew Bulletin as the Stationery Office would not sanction it unless it was definitely to do with Kew. There is, however, just a chance that I might be able to utilise a certain fund which we have available here, and I would be grateful if you could let me know how much of the £12:10/- you think the Botany School could pay, and I will then explore the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) JOHN S. L. GILMOUR,
Asst. Director,

Prof. A. C. Seward, Sc.D., F.R.S.,
The Botany School,
CAMBRIDGE.

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

15 June, 1933.

Dear Gilmour,

I have been thinking a good deal about the pamphlet and my conclusion is that we ought to publish it and bear the whole cost in the hope of getting some of the money back from sales. I realize, of course, that we must present a good many copies, but, on the other hand, I think we might reasonably sell some.

I am returning the typescript to you because I want you to look at a few suggested alterations I have made. I have written a short preface on which I shall be glad to have criticism. I suggest that you add your degree and title and you might also add Tutin's B.A. and his College. I think I am right in altering Bunbury on page 4 to Sir Charles Bunbury. It occurs to me that possibly some reference might be made to the collection of plants which Holttum and myself brought from Greenland in 1921. as the collection was a fairly representative one, but you may have good reason for omitting this collection.

I shall be glad to have the typescript back at your convenience so that I may have it put in hand by the Press before the summer prices are superseded.

Yours sincerely,

R.C. Seward

typewritten

*Returned
24/6/33*

Ans.

FROM THE BOTANY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE.

23 June, 1933.

Dear Gilmour,

I have this morning sent to the University Press the pamphlet. I am glad you think the Preface suitable. I have also added a reference to Holttum and myself.

It would certainly be a very great help if you could refer to the pamphlet in the Kew Bulletin when it has been printed.

Yours sincerely,

AC Seward

Charing X

5.30

6.30

7.40

West 'ham

6.38

7.38

8.41

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26th June, 1933.

Dear Professor Seward,

Many thanks for your letter.

I am very glad to hear that the pamphlet
has gone to press and I shall look forward
to its appearance in due course. Many
thanks again for the trouble you have taken
over it.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. A. C. Seward, F.R.S.,
The Botany School,
CAMBRIDGE.

Veronica aquatica + V. avapallies.

Pease marsh Pond, July 1933

The two species were growing intermingled by the edge of the shallow pond. They kept quite distinct & no intermediates were seen. In a ditch about 100 yards away were other plants. Both species, larger & more luxuriant; here a pinkish flowered avapallies was noticed, but not the same pink as that of aquatica.

By the pond the two species were often touching each other & their inflorescences intertwined. In examining the floral

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mechanism was made and the following stages observed:-

- ① stigma mature, stamens erect & indehiscent.
- ② stamens dehiscent & converging onto stigma.

Occasionally the corolla + stamens had disappeared before the stamens had dehiscent.

It is evident, therefore, that provided the corolla does not disappear prior to dehiscence, cross pollination is unlikely, though possible, whereas

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self. pollination is inevitable. If, however,
the corolla blows off, cross pollination
is possible.

V. aquatica x V. avopollis

2/8/33

Two flowers of V. aquatica growing in
tank in Herb. & aid (from seed from
I.A. Williams) were castrated before
1932 debiscence of stamens & pollinated
with pollen from V. avopollis. One failed
to develop seed, the other produced
a capsule full of ripe seed, which was
sown 26/8/33. Four seeds germinated:
at once. Later (28/8/33) three more had
germinated & were in the cot. stage.

BOTANY SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

22 August, 1933.

My dear Gilmour,

I returned from Iceland yesterday and found your letter and the proof. I do not feel as competent as you are to add initials to the names of collectors and it is quite possible that some of them cannot be obtained. I feel, however, that at Kew it would be easier to find some of them than it is for me here, especially as Gray is away on holiday. I shall, therefore, be greatly obliged if you will kindly have another look at the proof and do what you can to fill in the gaps before I send it to the Press for a revised proof.

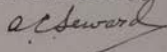
I am not sure whether it is worth while to alter the phrases on page 34. I naturally want to keep the cost of corrections as low as possible though, on the other hand, we must get the things as correct as possible. It seems to me that you might be able to get some valuable help from some of the people in your herbarium.

If you are likely to come to Cambridge between now and October we might together do something, as you will probably wish to consult specimens in the herbarium here. I am sorry to give you this trouble but I do not feel very competent to take the responsibility myself.

With my best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,



encl.

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28th August, 1933.

My dear Professor Seward,

Many thanks for your letter of 27th August. I am very sorry that I have not answered it before but the Director has been away and I have been very busy. I am going away myself at the end of the week for three weeks' holiday and when I return I will certainly do what I can to correct the proofs of the herbarium paper. When I sent it back to you I am afraid I forgot that there would not be anyone there to help you, or of course I would have done it myself.

I do not know whether I shall be able to get to Cambridge before October, but if I possibly can I will do so.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Seward
and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Professor A.C. Seward, Sc.D., F.R.S.,
Botany School,
Cambridge.

J. S. H. Gilman

18th May, 1932.

Dear Master,

Firstly I must apologise for troubling you with a business matter when you are on holiday, but it is rather urgent.

Perhaps you remember our discussing last autumn the publication in the Journal of Botany of descriptive notes to go with a set of exsiccata, prepared by Stearn and myself, to be distributed from the Botany School in exchange for foreign material or money. At that time we did not know how much the printing of extra sets for fixing to the sheets would cost, but you said, I think, that the Botany School would be prepared to help financially in the matter. The exsiccata and notes are now finished and have been accepted by Dr. Rendle for the Journal.

The total cost of printing, etc., is £32, of which the Journal is prepared to find £16. I wrote to Dr. Blackman on the subject but he felt that he could not authorise any payment without your consent. He is forwarding my letter to you, I believe.

I wonder how much of the £16 you feel the Botany School is justified in contributing? Nothing of the kind has ever been done from Cambridge before - and rarely from Britain - and the Botany School stands to gain by exchanges and prestige - and also, slightly, financially, as Dr. Bayley of Ithaca will pay for his set. The sets have been promised to various prominent Botanical Institutions all over the world (some of which have already set aside material for the Botany School in exchange), and they should help to "show the world" that the Cambridge Herbarium is an active and alive institution. I do not know whether you would consider that some of the money received from Merrill for the Spruce material might be appropriately used for this purpose. The sets are, of course, being issued as from the Botany School, with Stearn's and my name appended. Stearn has worked very hard at it and has done much more than I have.

I am sorry, as I said, to trouble you on holiday, but several institutions are waiting to send material in exchange for these exsiccata.

I hope that you and Mrs Seward are having a really good holiday.

Kew is looking at its best and the summer rush of visitors has begun.

With very kind regards to you both,

Prof. A. C. Seward, F.R.S.,
C/o Miss Balloni,
1115 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY,
U.S.A.

Yours sincerely,

Ans

10 Newnham Terrace
Cambridge

~~26.10.33~~

Dear Mr. Gilmore

Thank you for your
letter. I am equally interested
to hear that you are crossing
Anagallis and aquatica. I am
not carrying out any fertilisations
so that our lines of interest appear
to be entirely distinct. As you, I
expect will know, Mr. Hartley still
has Part 2 ahead of him and
therefore can only give his spare time
to Veronica. There has been just enough
chromosome work done on Veronica already

to suggest that it is an intriguing genus
from this point of view as from others.

The aquatic group were chosen for
several reasons - availability of suitable
material at this time of year and
likelihood that the basic chromosome
number would be a low one. My
interest lies chiefly in the fact that
Anagallis and Aquatica are markedly
stable forms so far as floral construction
is concerned, while Beccabunga on the
other hand is wildly erratic, whether or
not owing to chromosome configuration
remains to be seen. I am sure Mr. Hartley
will give you information about his
observations as soon as he gets any facts
established but that will not be for a
little while yet I expect.

Yours sincerely
E. R. Saunders

[Tutin?]

1932 or 1933?

Flora Boustan

Bristol.

April 5th

Dear John,

I think it would be
a very good plan to let Skan
look at it. He will probably
do it a lot of good.

I should think Hamshaw
Thomas ~~would~~ be a good
person to approach about the
Camb. Phil. Soc. He is Secretary.
I hope you're not having too
much trouble over it all.

I heard from Mrs Carter the
other day. They have been

having wretched weather at Belstone. ^[Tutin?] 1932 or 1933?
The water supply was rationed
untill they went there!

a Spanish Sarcifrage of mine
which is at present unidentified
is flowering very nicely indoors
but there is little out abroad
except *V. silvestris*, *A. nemorosa*
& *P. vulgaris*.

Yours
Tom.

W. T. Stearn

1932 or 1933?

Dear John

as you will see, I have gone through the list and made about 30 minor alterations or corrections which is all the resources of my small library will permit me to do. In the University Library at Cambridge (or even the Kew or Lindley libraries) other gaps could probably be filled. Most of the notes explain themselves but I am puzzled by the name S.H. Fisher (p. 17); no doubt this is correct but I have a distinct recollection of seeing specimens from F.E. L. Fischer, Russia (? Dahuria) who was director for many years of the Petrograd Bot. Gard. and a correspondent of Lindley as is shown by the latter's library and also that specimens ex herb. Lindley are in Fischer's herb. at Leningrad (ipse!), presumably sent in

exchange.

The Bot. School has now acquired the
Forestry School herb. If I remember
rightly when last at Cambridge I
saw ^{a box of} A. Henry's plants from Japan; there
are also some N. American collections
of his.

Are the Hungarian grass. exsiccata
included? Yes.

It may be personal vanity but
I think there might be mentioned
in the Prof's preface our Exsicc.
effort, which would tend to show
that the herb. is not merely a
place where specimens from other
people are stored away when a
kind accident brings them into the
University's possession. I suggest
there might be a ref. to taxonomic
work being done there and then
possibly "In Jan. 1933 the
Herbarium distributed to other

institutions two sets of critical exsiccata,
Herbarium Florae Cantabrigiae and
Sertum Cantabrigiae Exsiccatum, edited
by Messrs. Lillmoen and Stearn (See
Journ. of Bot. 1932 Suppl.).

Sorry I can't stay longer but
I hope to call in evening. Don't
derange plans on my behalf as
I may not ~~go~~ back in time.

Have seen the two other
publs. Geog. Soc. & Pol. bot.

Yours in haste
C. T. S.

Dear T.D.C.

Many thanks for note.

As you don't mention specifically
Doris offer of his herbarium
in her will, I assume you would
like it, I am writing to him
accordingly -

I don't
Yes certainly sorry I forgot to
comment on it. I don't think
we need keep letter & can leave
matter till the bequest materializes
ASJ

Tutin(?), Tom

1932 or 1933?

Many School

Feb 26th

Dear John,

The list of collectors is finished and Miss Gray is typing it. It runs to 50 pages of foolscap excluding the 'Brief history'. The question of where to publish it has therefore to be considered. Do you think you could put it in K. B. & arrange for reprints to be obtained.

The Guiana people are getting reprints of Lindley's papers by special arrangement. I will send it along to you when it is typed and perhaps you would look for mistakes. There must be some I shall overlook.

Could you sometime or other ask who ever it is who knows what exactly is meant by co-type,

syn-type etc so that we can get things labelled right? If you could find out any references which

Hubbard or anyone may know about ~~the~~ *Pastura patensis* & *holium perenne* I should also be much obliged. I hope I'm not bothering you too much but any old time will do.

Lolium x Festuca

Welsh Pl. Breeding Sta.

Series 71. No 2.

And. Howard. Wasse.

Gentian

1924.

Later paper

When are you coming up to see us? It's a pity
you weren't a member of the Science Club so that
you could come to the 60th anniversary dinner
on Saturday week with the Directors.

Worthington showed us a film of his trip to
the African Lakes at the N. H. S. last night.

His wife & Beadle & a few other people provided an
accompaniment of native songs & he & Beadle
performed the Giraffe Dance. We all became
completely helpless with laughter which was in itself
a striking sight as there were more than 30 people
there.

Yours
Tom.

TELEGRAMS-WHYTELEAF.

THE WELL FARM,
WARLINGHAM,
SURREY.

11 July, 1937

My dear Gilman,

Very many thanks for your most kind letter of 9 July. These milestones as they pass seem somehow to get nearer and nearer to each other and give rise to thoughts of a somewhat mixed nature.

My wife's health has not been good for rather more than twelve months now. She is making progress towards partial recovery I am glad to say but it is painfully slow.

She joins me in kind regards to Mrs Gilman and yourself.

Yours very sincerely
D. Prain

J. S. L. Gilman, M.A., F.R.S.
Royal Gardens, Kew

MINUTE.



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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.-UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

OFFICE OF THE
KANTOOR VAN DIE

Division Plant Industry
Botan. Office

20.2.1938

The
Die

Assist. Dir.
Agnes Botanic Gardens
R.S.D.

Dear Mr. Gilchrist

*Mr. Venter and her return
from one an author of the discussion you had
with her on the subject of Schweickert's trip to
the Continent. I understood from her that you
were inclined to think he was being persecuted
on personal grounds. I should like to assume
that that is not so. Both B. & E. Evans & I
realise fully the scientific value of the
material Schweickert could obtain for
us. It is simply a question of expense.
The trip as contemplated by Schweickert
would more than absorb the whole of our
subsistence vote.*

*When I say there are no personal
reasons I should qualify that. Schweickert
is a young man at the threshold of his
career & he should be prepared to sacrifice
something for the sake of the work. But that
I do not believe he should incur any
financial loss, but that because his
personal right cannot be wanted that he
should refuse to undertake the work. If
he adopts that attitude I shall be sadly
disappointed. Now I am writing as a man*

Ans

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who has placed himself in a position of incurring an actual financial loss rather than miss opportunities of seeing things & of doing some botanical work. I do not even ask Schwickerdt to do that. He will not be "out of pocket" as to the trip.

Mrs. Verboom also hinted that because of Schwickerdt's pronounced views he is being made to suffer. Let me also assure you that is not so. I have given Schwickerdt tangible evidence that I look after his interests as I did when our hunt regarding scheme came out last year.

I regret as much as anyone that funds are not available to pay full subsistence rates but, at the same time, shall feel disappointed if Schwickerdt does not undertake the trip as suggested by us.

In conclusion I might add that the statements & views expressed above are also those of S. Polak-Erdos.

Yours sincerely
E. J. Phillips

Principal Botanist

Paramaribo, 6 Nov. 38

My dear Sir John,

I am very glad indeed that I will have the pleasure to see you next Sunday here in Paramaribo.

Since I left you, I am digging whole the time together with Dr. Godkes in a salvia nest on sandy soil from 4^h am - 5^h pm. We have already translocated 200 m³ soil. The nest is now mapped carefully down to the level of the soil water. The next 10 days, we propose to dig a nest on clay soil, but Sunday I shall be gladly at Sir John's disposition.

Shortly after my return I was heavily interviewed resulting in a leading article in the "West", one hour with Prof. Stahl with my best compliments also to Prof. Theissen and Dr. van der

Stahl.

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SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH IN PLANT-BREEDING.

CRAIGS HOUSE, CORSTORPHINE,

EDINBURGH 12, 1/9/42.

Dear Mr. Gilmour,

I am desperate to get hold of seeds of the white variety of *Erythraea Centaurium* for population work, and Gregor has suggested you as the most helpful person to apply to.

The difficulty is this. The local haunts of the species are now threaded with land mines, barbed wire and other unpleasantness and so far my collecting attempts have been fruitless. I wondered, from your work at Cambridge, whether you knew of any herbarium sheets of the white variety from which seeds could be had. The material would, I should imagine, have to be fairly recent.

There is, unfortunately, nothing in the Edinburgh herbarium and it is not likely that anyone will have living material.

I should be most grateful if you can help me but on no account go to any great trouble over the matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Cadman.

SPD 9/19/42

Mr. Gilmour has

no seeds.

SPD

Mr. Gilmour asks whether we can help.

Ans. sent by seed from 1847 13/9

Mr. S. S. S. S.



Ans. offer
accepting
Herbarium
J. S. P.
29/7

20/7/42

F. M. Day

THE DOWNS SCHOOL,
COLWALL,
NR. MALVERN.

Dear John

I am sending your letter on to G. F. Fraser,
71 Fore St., Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot, Devon. He
did most of the work on the Flora & is now "Botanical
Recorder" for the county, & will be the most likely
person to clear up your point. If he cannot do
it, the best man is R. Waterfield. I have not
got his address, but Fraser is always in touch
with him.

Can you tell me a useful book for a beginner on
Mosses? I have Bagnall, but it is not much help. I
feel I want a book that will help me to put a
name to some of them, by simple means, without
having to go into a lot of details of the structure
which mean nothing to me at present. I want
to be able identify a few species in the field.

Yrs. sincerely
P. H. P.

The gellar broke his thigh some time ago, & is
now more or less permanently helpless.

another p.s.

20/7/42 B

I have attached a note to my Will — it is not in legal form, ~~the~~ but my family would carry it ^{out} — saying I should wish my Herbarium to be offered to Kew. Will it be acceptable? it consists only of *Viola*, *Mentha*, *Cyperaceae*, & grasses. But nearly all the *Violets* are determined by Patrick Hall, the *Mints* by Still, & many of the *Sedges* by Holmes, & some of the grasses by Harworth & Hubbard. So I feel it is sound. There are a large number of sheets altogether, at least 100, I should say, of *Violets* alone. I hope also to do something with the *Pansies*; & am going to send what I have

to Mrs Drabble for her approval. Is she the
only authority now? I can you tell me her
address. Let me know if the New Herbarium
would like it when the time comes!

Mrs once more

Pup. [F.M. DAY]

Many thanks for your kind word about the
Flora of Devon.

The petrol search has one good effect here. We get fewer visits from one who hinders botanists in daily work and whose effect on the mind of each of us is so upsetting. One could say more but it is distasteful.

Daglingworth Rectory,
Cirencester, Glos.

29 Aug. 1942.

My dear Mr. Gilmour,

It makes me very sad that I have again paid a visit to Kew without seeing much of you. It is a matter for the psychologists that I would have valued above most things a talk with you ~~and~~ had I been able ^{or willing} to take steps to get it! I missed a good chance on the evening of the Tea when you asked me if I was going back to the Herbarium. The storm approaching from the west seemed to warn me, with a threat of punishment, against undeserved pleasures! After that failure I did not pluck up enough courage to call on you, especially as C. I. D. said that you had quite a number of folk staying with you. Next time I will do better!

My holiday at Kew did not do me a ^{2.}
lot of ~~good~~ good. I am ashamed to confess
that I lay awake each night till the
small hours listening for sirens! I believe
this is due to the fact that I have
had some of my worst reactions recently.
I find that I cannot control my nervous
feelings when awakened after getting off to
sleep, say 2-3 a.m., so well as I could when
we had the alerts in the early evenings.
Is this because the conscious has no time
to take control before panic intervenes?
I think this is something of the explanation.
Tachycardia comes on and I seem half dead.

However, I've got Pickworth Farrow's new
book on self-analysis so should soon be
free from all troubles. (Marshall has this
at the moment: I don't know whether
you've seen it.) I'm going to try his method,
which is writing down one's thoughts instead
of (and cheaper than!) telling them to an
analyst. To me Farrow's style seems laboured
and unpleasant.

Last night, as I was writing this letter a big thunderstorm broke over us, billowing masses of black cloud coming up from the south at right angles to the surface wind, which was east, and I got too agitated to continue. Later I got some relief by trying to split myself into two, the trembling fear-gripped patient and the calm, observing, understanding psychologist. To attain perfect composure in a thunderstorm I must get back to the incidents which led to the ~~transfer of the fear~~ were feared and from which the fear was transferred to the thunder.

I was glad to see from your letter of 28 June that you are continuing, albeit slowly, the great bibliography — of field botany and local floras (1629-1850). You were also anticipating a change of job: I hope this gives you more time for relaxation or whatever it is you need to

take away the paleness which I noticed in your face the other day. You must keep fit: we shall need all the good men we can get later on.

My thoughts and feelings about the war are in a turmoil and I am unable ^{sort them out and} to express them coherently. I seemed to have turned aside to cultivate a garden, maybe mainly from cowardly motives, but also because war is to me just one damned horrible madness. If one cheers up momentarily by the thought that "war hurries history" one immediately realizes that it also puts the clock back. Look what it's doing to God!!

I did want to see your daughter. She, I'm sure, is flourishing, and I hope Mrs. Gilman is well. She is working perhaps too hard.

My boy (3) is making great strides in speech. He was backward in this earlier.

I feel I ought to get official leave before very long and give Marshall a hand with one or two of the more difficult problems. He would like me to do so, and is coping so well. Kindest regards,
Yours ever,
E. Holmes.

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addressed to—
THE REGIUS KEEPER.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, 4.

17th November 1942.

My dear Gilmour,

*Ans.
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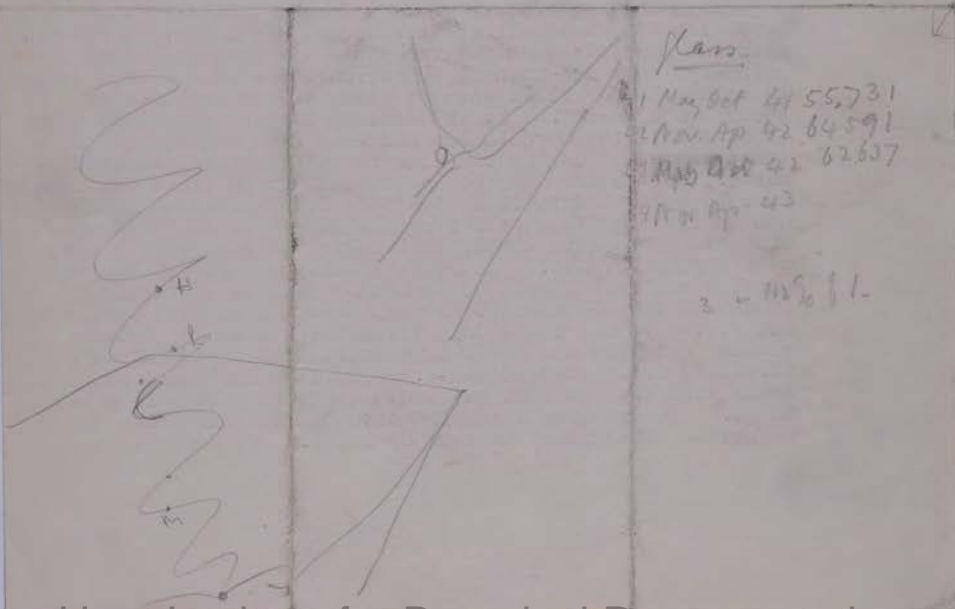
Your letter of the 13th. The question you raise has been gone into at some length on a previous occasion. Some eight or ten years ago Sir Lionel Earle, then Secretary of H.M. Office of Works, wrote me regarding this proposal and sent me a number of relative papers. I gave him my views for what they were worth, and in conversation with Hill afterwards found that Earle had shown him my statement. I gathered that Hill was rather pleased with what I had put down, but I remember quite distinctly that I deprecated any attempt at that date to carry the proposal farther. Of course in these matters there is much to be said on both sides. The one great advantage to Kew in the argument is that in conjunction with the herbarium they have all the resources of the Botanic Garden. Even the most hidebound systematists are realising that herbarium work and nothing but herbarium work may well lead to rather narrow views when it comes to the question of species and genera. It is exceedingly kind of you to give me an invitation down to Kew and I am always happy to pay a visit there. When it can come to pass is quite another matter, for we are all very circumscribed in these days and have to content ourselves with very brief absences from headquarters. In winter I rarely go afield as the black-out puts a complete damper on the kind of eyes that I have been furnished with. However, I shall not forget the suggestion and next time I am in London I shall certainly endeavour to come down to Kew and have a talk with Cotton and you. (If one could only foresee the outcome of the present struggle one would have confidence in trying to formulate future developments. The last fortnight has been a wonderful period, but there is still a very long way to go.) The problem of amalgamation is not one which can be solved by argument or even by logic. To me it is a

problem of an opportunity arising conducive to a junction,
and when times (as they have been in the past) are not
hopeful for union there is no use attempting to force it.
but the stars in their courses do sometimes tend to bring
about a solution and the said stars are not always to be
hurried.

I trust all goes well with you and yours.
Sincerely yours,

Samuel Smith

J. S. L. Gilmour, Esq., M.A., F.L.S.,
49 The Green, Kew, Surrey.



JOHN MURRAY

50 ALBEMARLE STREET
LONDON, W. 1.

From:

SIR JOHN MURRAY, K.C.V.O., D.S.O.
T. R. GREY
JOHN GREY MURRAY

TELEPHONE:
REGENT 4361 (2 Lines)
TELEGRAMS:
GUIDEBOOK, PICCY, LONDON

28th October, 1943

Ans 28/10

Dear Mr. Gilmour,

I had a most agreeable and encouraging talk with Mr. Taylor yesterday about THE ENGLISH FLOWER GARDEN. He is considering the matter further, and I hope that, as I shall be able to give him plenty of time, he will undertake the work. At any rate, he will let me know definitely soon.

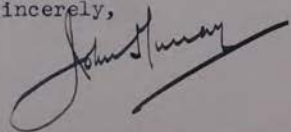
A small problem has arisen about which I must consult you. Mr. Taylor mentioned the fact that he would like to get one or two chapters written by other experts, and he mentioned Mr. Johnson. That put me in an awkward position! If I told him that Mr. Johnson had indeed been offered the editorship of the whole work, but had been unable to take it on, it would impress the fact that Mr. Taylor was second string, and that would not help negotiations! If I did not mention it, and Mr. Johnson were to tell him of it, it would look as if I were deliberately concealing something which he ought to know. As both know that I am acting on your advice you come into it. As a matter of fact, I did not mention to Mr. Taylor that Mr. Johnson had been offered the work.

You know both of them, so can you advise me what to do? Do you think that it would be wise if you were to send a line to Mr. Johnson asking him to say nothing about the affair, or shall we just let matters take their course? I shall be glad of your advice.

Yours very sincerely,

TO:

John L. Gilmour Esq



Reg 4361

Nov 6. 43

Ans
24/11

From A. T. JOHNSON,

BULKELEY MILL,

TYN-Y-GROES,

CONWAY, N. WALES.

Dear Mr Gilman

Thanks for your letter. Yes, Sir John Murray did tell me you had given him my name in regard to the revising of "Robinson", & I had intended writing to thank you for putting the offer in my way. But I had to forget it for I am already too fully employed.

I see Sir John's point regarding Taylor but am in rather a dilemma, as I had discussed the matter of the proposed revision with various people ~~known~~ to Taylor, he may already heard of my connection with it, so that it would be embarrassing, to

Say the least, for me to pretend I know nothing
about it! Further, Taylor is a friend yours
(as well as a business connection) so we would
not wish to be other than open with him.

However, there may be a way out & I will
gladly be as diplomatic as I can on Sir
John's behalf & certainly do nothing to put
Taylor off the project - should he write to me about it.
With our best wishes

Sincerely yours

A. J. Johnson

Article on herbarium was kept Baker Haines
by Haines to be of file to Dec 1943

TELE
GLOUCESTER 6152.

MIDHURST,

HUCCLECOTE,

GLOS.

Dear Mr. Gilman

Thank you for your
letter. The Lloyd-Baker Herbarium
is interesting but not thrilling
& I enclose you a copy of a
note on it from the proceedings
of the Chelsea Field Club. The
Lloyd Baker family still own
Stantshill but moved about
1815 to Stantshill Court near
Gloucester. The old gentleman
seems to have wanted a
collection of plants without
caring much when he got
them & he arranged them in
a very haphazard fashion. Presumably
the children have suffered much
damage and

much of it is missing, unless
what has come into my possession
has come at different times.
Since my note I have obtained
several huge tomes one of
which is devoted to plants acquired
in Palestine & none are concerned
much with flora. The best volumes
are now near Colerhouse with
the Colwell collection. Wicked
fellows here calmly cut out some
of the specimens. The letter from
Sole I sent to the Linnean
Society, who knew of its existence
& I have it here now. The Red
Stellatone discovery is not found
in the family & refers to the Drucis
Cretaceous Flora. The Hb^{er} has one
interesting note on the "recent" division
of Democarpus cardi frond gummi fer
with specimen from Dartmouth Castle
of I remain to report. Yrs sincerely
Herbert J. G. J.

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1945

My dear Dr. Gilmer.

I thank you very much for your kind letter of 12/9 #5. I have been very anxious about you and your wife during the war. Thanks to the Lord, that you are safe again, and that the herbarium has not been damaged. The garden can be renewed but not the Herbarium. During war have I often been thinking: How is Dr. Gilmer and where is he: At the front or under the V-bombs? Now I want to congratulate you cordially with your new work at the A. Hort. Soc.; I hope you'll be glad to do that work!

Also I thank cordially for your remarks on my Orchis-paper. I hope to be able to continue my studies in Buitenzorg, Singapore and other places in the tropics, where it is possible to collect embryological material of orchids. May be that the

reason to the formation of species in that family
is due to the facts of fertilisations? It has not
been possible to collect very many thoughts for science
during war as my home has been a hotel for all
kinds of persons, which should be killed by Gestapo.
My wife is young and small, but she has been very
brave and intelligent in fooling the Nazis, whom
succeeded in finding her hotel - then she should have
been killed. In our garden was hidden arms which
came down from the air; we had Radio-station, prin-
ting-station for illegal papers and connection with
nearly all kinds of underground work. When I in
the morning left my private home going to my uni-
versity did I not care much for botany but for the Nazis.
I my brain did I a day pass another train in full
fire: It had a cargo of parts of V-bombs; and
the fire came from alcohol from the Botanic
Museum of Copenhagen - curious enough!! I think
it was these V-bombs which did not hit the Her-
barium! During war did we have very few
arms. But a day did come of our underground
soldiers dress themselves in uniforms stolen from

the hims. Then they made false german papers and entered a big motor-lorry driving straight in in a german port asking for arms. This trick was successful and soon was the lorry loaded with big boxes with machine-guns etc. : Full speed away with the valuable cargo. But the most funny was that the owner of the lorry the next day had the audacity to send a very big bill for driving his lorry to the german - and a day later he got all his money by post from the german - a funny day for all of us.

And now I do hope that it shall be possible soon to shake your hand again in days of peace. Not being a soldier in uniform have I passed 2 german wars, and now should I like to get the permission to be a botanist the rest of my life.

Dr. C. Christensen died in 1943 by cancer ventriculi. Have you lost many British Botanists in the war? France has lost many.

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I have not yet received your: separates, but
I thank you for your kindness to send me your
works which I shall be very glad to have.

With cordial regards!

Yours ever

O. Sageret.

P. S. How delightful again to be able to corres-
pond with Engelm!

p. t. Hellebæk d. 11/Oct. 1945

Dear Dr. Gilmore.

From Dr. Cotton I have heard that you have been appointed Director of the beautiful Wisley-Garden. I want to bring you my sincere congratulation to this desirable situation. I have paid several visits to the Wisley Garden, in many respects, perhaps owing to its hilly ground, it seems to me even more beautiful than the Kew Gardens.

As an honorary member of the Horticultural Society I got until the occupation of our country the Journal of the Society. Dr. Cotton has informed that the Journal has appeared during the war. Do you think there is any possibility that I will get it again? The last number I have got is March 1940 (Vol. LXV, part 3).

The time during the war has been long and troublesome, but thanks to ^{the} fact that I have been able work upon my paper on the algae of Mauritius and during the summer in my garden in Hellebæk the time has passed rather quickly. During the war we have suffered from 3 very severe winters often with temperatures down to -36°C and in my gardens many trees died: all the Cedars, *Cryptomeria japonica*, *Sequoia gigantea* and *semp.* *virens* and several others and many shrubs also were killed. For instance the large-leaved *Rhododendron*, *Ilex*, *Taxus*, *Hamamelis* etc. Especially during the last years of the war the situation

in Copenhagen was not at ^{all} agreeable and fightings
took often place just opposite my villa, several pro-
jectiles have passed through the windows and have da-
maged the furniture but most happily no persons
were hurt. Also our Botanical Museum has several times
been surrounded by the germans seeking a covering situ-
ation behind trees and scrubs in the garden while great
fightings took place on the boulevard along the Bot. Garden.
Luckily that it has come to an end!

I hope that you and Mrs. Gilmore are quite well
and with kind regards

Yours very sincerely

H. Mörgen

7, CUMBERLAND ROAD,

KEW, SURREY.

Dec 12 1945

Dear Gilmour

Many thanks I send to you
and your wife for your kind
congratulations on my attaining
my ninetieth ~~day~~ birthday, and
for your good wishes for
continued good health. At
present I can hardly
realise that I am as old
as 90.

I hope all is well with you
and your family

My wife and I send our
kindest regards to you
and yours

Yours sincerely
Henry & Mabel

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WUKUNG, SHENSI, CHINA.

May 21th, 1946.

Dr. John Gilmour, Director,
Royal Botanic Gardens,
Kew, London,
England.

Dear Dr. John Gilmour:

You may surprise that I had recently been transferred up here. Our Ministry of Education has asked me to come to this institution since I came back from the States last fall. At first, I felt rather timid to accept this post as I am not quite mature enough to head up this large institution of about 1,500 and 300 members on the staff. Furthermore, I feel inclined to spend somewhat longer time on the scientific contribution for our horticultural research. However, I could not reject this request, so I decided to move up here with my family on March 30th from Chungking.

This college was established about 12 years ago, situating on the basin of the great Northwestern Plateau at the edge of Chin Lin, the so-called "backbone" of our geography. This was the origin of our ancient agriculture 40 centuries ago, as Shin Nung, the Emperor of Agriculture was staying here. This is a very fertile and flat Loess plain which our ancient agrigarian so valued. The capitals of our Chou, Chin, Han, and T'ang Dynasties were situated here. The devastating flooding of the Yellow River accentuated by a long period of civil war in the last century had made this place poor and isolated. The development of irrigation and flood control projects in the last decade had miraculously changed this place into a rejuvenated area. The migration inlandward of the coastal population during the war had again repopulated this district. Therefore, trees and shrubbery were planted, industries started, and agriculture in every phase are flourishing. I am convinced that this is a unique place for large experimentation on our agricultural and rural reform.

The school has nine departments, Agricultural Hydraulic Engineering, Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Chemistry, Forestry, Horticulture, Phytopathology and Entomology, Animal Husbandry, and Veterinary Medicine. For the increasing need in our agriculture especially in this Northwestern Section, we are now contemplating to establish a department of Agricultural Products, and a department of Agricultural Implements. Fortunately, the Ministry of Education has already promised us to establish these two departments in the near future. We have here an Experi-

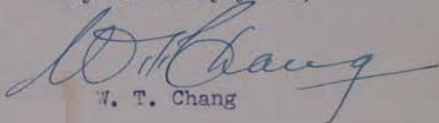
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mental Station of about 1,000 acres (9,000 mows) which is the largest experimental station among all universities in China. For this reason, I think it is a very good opportunity to experiment a large scale project on "mechanized farming" in order to solve the prevailing problem of whether or not Chinese agriculture should be mechanized, and to what extent. So far as I know, we have no available data of experimental nature to answer this problem. Furthermore, the school has an apple orchard of about 3,000 trees in one block all in bearing. Although the varieties are not very ideal, yet they provide a very extensive scale for research and student works. This area is very much like Washington or Oregon of the American Northwest, and is especially suitable for apple growing. It is also a good place for persimmons, pears, apricots, grapes, walnuts, and melons. The orchards are expanding among the growers in the district.

Under separate cover, I am asking our library to send you a copy of our catalog in English. As soon as the pressure on paper shortage is released, we wish to put out in our printing office a series of publications for distribution. Naturally, we wish that you will put our name in your mailing list and send us any scientific publications to me for the reference of our staff and students. We are just establishing a plant collection museum of about 15 acres. As soon as the transportation route is resumed, we can send you any plant materials from this Northwestern Section for exchange. I certainly wish that you and your staff will keep me in constant advice and full cooperation.

With every best wishes to you and Mrs. Gilmour, and sincere regards to all the members of your staff, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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Dr. J.S.L. Gilmour
Royal Horticultural Institution
Wisley, Surrey

Verbania Pallanza. August 10th, 1946.
Telef. 8445

Dear Dr. Gilmour,

I am now back in Italy, and I want to express you my gratefulness for your kindness during my visit to your institution. It has been a great pleasure to meet you personally, and to find out that we have common interest towards biological and methodological problems.

I have asked the Editor of "Analysis" to send you our journal, and I hope that you will let us have some of your contributions to be published on such quarterly. I would appreciate very much if you would let me know your opinion on the journal, and if you would give us advice and criticism, in order to improve its standard.

I shall inform you about the developments of our "Center for methodological studies", and I hope that you will let me know if some interesting papers shall be published in your Country.

I do not know whether there is anything I can do for you from here. In such a case do reckon on me for everything I could do.

With many thanks and kindest regards,

sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Gilman,

I was looking at your recent letter titled B. Botanical
George Bentham - looking very like E.P. Tarrow!
The legendary pursuit of the Linnaean collection & a Swedish figure.
The glorious Battle of Glen Tilt; the battle is magnificent.
The conversation pieces on pp. 36 & 39. It has always
been a grief to me that Sir William died whilst I was
an infant in arms.

Should you have opportunity to prepare a new edⁿ
I wd. suggest for consideration the addition of certain
names of deceased Botanists: - Bentley, Belfour, Walter Gortals,
Yapp, Hooker, D.T. Sargent, Fargless, Ethel Sargent,
Hemslay, perhaps N.E. Brown, & certain of A.H. Church (of Gx/m).
Farmer wd. doubtless have been included but for his death
more or less as your book was printing. Possibly Wm. Griffith

a possible exclusion of some of the following: -
John Hill [he was included in "Masters of British Botany"
by way of course relief & to give T.G. Hill a chance!]
Thos. Martyn, J.S. Stenhouse, Jas. Britton, Dagobert Ramm,
Vines, Remte & possibly A.W. Hill.

His time Marshall had had early contact with Vines
at the early S.K. Conferences in the 1820s, & later at
Christie, but I never heard him speak with any great
appreciation of Vines: his hero was Lyet.

His role is just to the way, & ends as ^{acknowledgement} ~~highly~~ ^{up} as it does in controversial matters. Possibly Vines might have
The Benefit of Jany Dorset. I set under him at Cambridge
1863-86. I never set eyes on Babinston than 3 years.
Gardner was a great force then & so too F. Desires. Your share in other

over

1.5. The other day, a strange, by name Trimen, called on
me here - a chairman of something - recently arrived
in Egypt. As we sat down to Sherry, I drew
a bow at a venture, & said, "Is it possible that
Trimen the botanist, who worked in Egypt, was a
kinsman of yours?" He replied, "Yes, he was
my uncle."

Ans 11/1/50
cf Botanic Gardens
Brisbane. P ans
31/9/49

Dear Mr. Gilmore, a visitor to the herbarium
the other day happened to mention you were
in connection with Wisley & Kew. He was out here
with his wife I take it on a holiday or semi-
holiday trip. I did not ask his name. It reminded
me I do not think I have written you since
you have been at Wisley. but often remember
you many kindnesses on my visit to
Kew in 1939. I am hoping very much
to get away again ~~in 1950~~ on my long service
leave either next year or early 1951. at the
present time I plan to spend the best part of
1951 working at Kew. I have much to do
here. I have my hands pretty full at
present, have just sent away the ms of
a paper on the botany of the Solomon Islands
and am now at work on a small
collection of capsular fruited Myrtaceae
from that region & New Guinea. It is
only a small collection of material but
contains a few "snags". It is from the
A. C. S. Arboretum & contains some of
the Karehira material from Netherlands
New Guinea. The last few years has

to Mrs. Gilman & yourself Mountain Spring T. White

going with too great a swing at this end. It is difficult
 for many young people to get away after the
 war most of them got married ^{now} & have young
 families & new homes. This will I suppose change
 later. Personally I much prefer the exchange
 idea and I think it is mutually advantageous to
 to New and Australia. The present officer at New-
 Miss Tindale - is quite keen & I will probably be
 submitting a good deal to her but the things I am
 particularly interested in are tropical rain-forest
 species from Aus. & the Western Pacific which require
 at least a good deal of experience to speak
 authoritatively on. I suppose you are pretty well off
 at Wisley as regards food supplies but here are a
 lot of new seasons dried fruits about at ~~the~~ present
 so am posting you a parcel with pineapple (canned
 & crystallised), mixed fruits & salted ones a
 tin of meat & some lard - the mixed fruit & salted ones
 may be welcome for the Xmas pudding & I guess the
 pineapple products are hard to obtain - so please accept
 them with my best wishes. Mr. White joins in sending kindest regards

10-1-50

Dear Gilmour.

How kind of you to have written about the honour that has come my way. It seems to have met the approval of many with whom I have worked, even of some whom I had almost forgotten it is so long since I worked with them, and this approval gives me at least as much pleasure as the award. The award I look on as some official recognition that horticulture, as distinct from "crop production" means something in the national life and that is something rather new in official circles!

Again thanking both you and Mrs Gilmour.

Yours truly
Fred. Chittenden.

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7, CUMBERLAND ROAD,
KEW, SURREY.

Aug 28 1950

Dear Gilmour

This is from me & my wife
to thank you and Mrs Gilmour for the
most delightful day we spent yesterday
with you. I can hardly express our
thanks for the great pleasure we
had. We got home in excellent time
had our supper, and slept still
dreaming of the beauty of the Wisley
gardens. It was most pleasant to meet
again all the botanists who were
there. I wish indeed that Hatterson had
been able to get home in time so that
there might have been all three directors
of the Singapore Gardens from 1888 to
1950 together.

Again thanking you and Mrs Gilmour
for a most enchanting day

Yours
sincerely
Henry H. Prior