

F. Major has been
working in
S. Africa, cleaning up after
Sydney; & they would
like to keep him there.
Like their blaming
check!

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I hear
having
Latham
London
find you
with the
native

Africans were
wild at the last's
Court show! I see
a fight among them the
other night.

My dear old W. B.

Sitting here, stewing
with the heat & inactivity,
the opportunity at last arrives of
writing you a line. It must be
a business line & things must
go categorically; but before I
proceed believe me when I say
that the pressure of my numerous
vicarious occupations has alone
prevented me from writing you
sooner.

Your letters of the 3rd.

Letters from A. Thomson
of Oxford & the Agent General
& there I at once returned. I duly
sent your books back to Edwards,
& forwarded to you letters from
Sydney & Melbourne, which I
hope you duly received.

Your fossil manuscript plates.

Proofs of these reached me on
Feb. 9, & I forwarded copies to
you of both plates & block. On the
10th I returned the others to Seeler
(keeping the originals in my own
possession) complaining that one
plate was out of focus & that most
of the high lights & "life" of the
drawings had been lost. I refused
to pass them, & requested that copies

might be sent you, the printer
being meanwhile told to try & secure
better results. This has been done,
& nothing further seems possible
until we hear from you. I presume
you will be sending the MS. that
you will want me to read. Your
papers in autumn.

Joseph Major sends you a case
full of things which you will find
enclosed with your own. I enclose
with this his list of its contents.

Anthropological photographs.

A. Thomson, Haddon, & that
chap Hutchinson have all been
copying a picked few. The latter
said that he had your sanction, & for
Haddon I hold myself responsible.

April + enclosed draft reached
me duly — the latter just in time
to be cashed! What asses the
B. by. clerks must be, Fred. Tapers
with a vengeance!!

Firstly as to business. I am sending
you a tin-lined case per Sutton
containing you top-hat, the
flora board my various seeds
you own, the several replicas of
fossil vertebrates, a complete set
of 'Sci. Progress', the Huxley &
Hooker by medallions, & other odds &
ends which you left behind &
which have been slowly accumu-
-lating — not to forget your
photographs & lantern slides.
Soon after you return there came

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And now as to your fossils!

I send you *Anchondontia*, *Lavis-*
saurus, *Oppeia*, *Odontornis* (a
recent hawk), *Bothriolepis* (2
sets), *Cephalospori*, all of which
I have purchased & paid for.

Concerning von Zittel's Reptiles
from München, which you will
also find, the enclosed letter
will explain. You lucky d—l!
& what a good cheap von Zittel
be!! I wrote him that you would
acknowledge receipts on the
arrival of the things in Melbourne.

at the same time, I believe
I gave you a receipt as
a legal receipt for the whole
sum paid me in 1897. I consider
v. Jittel has saved you about
£8.

And you as to the + more personal
matters. In the first place, I did
my duty towards Jett & got him
at once elected a Corresponding
member of the Zoological Soc. He went
through with a bang! I will of
course have heard from Selater long
ago. As for the Royal Soc., I was
bitterly disappointed at not finding
you in, especially as I want to
put up Alcock & Sundry. The
letter I shall see to at once, but do
you

not like to tackle D. until you are
in. What do you think about it.
Mrs. D. called on us last week, & said
that he badly wants to get away
from Christchurch if possible to
get home. And I hear rumours
of discontent on Barbours's part.
And what of Hill! Is there any
truth in the report that your
demon. may be moving on & that
Hill is likely to join you. What a
profoundly effective result would
follow were it so - you & the world
behold my attached & would make things
bun with style. And such I
think of it. What is this rumour
about by any field - viz. that the
little silly has gone & entered a
convent on some such establishment
& become a catholic & gnostic teacher

Concerning Traquair's Cladokos,
which you must have, I enclose
his letter — that of the 'cunning'
Letchman. The allusion to
Krantz is in reply to a question
of my own. Just you take him in
hand yourself, & make a good
bargain, for the Cladokos thing
is worth your getting.

I think this is all I have to write
concerning your various com-
-missions, except to say that I
am sending you a statement of
our financial relationship &
shall be glad to know how you
wish me to dispose of the balance.
The bills I will retain until our
final settlement, when I will
send them you in one batch — altho,

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Combined. Do you know the rights
of it? We heard it from our
friends the Fullers, with one of those
girls many W. has become very
friendly.

University College. Robert Cook is
Minchin's, but what is the explanation
of Fowler's having been passed over. Is
his social difficulty the cause, or
has Weldon a job for him in Oxford,
or what! Woodward, Bernard,
& James Fournish & send you
greetings. Moore is now on Langham-
-square with £5000 behind him. He is
accompanied by an Irish landlord

He will become a dinner pig!
his literary abilities & research
they are scamped & worthless at
all. Oh, the pain & impurity that he
has caused me, & that I have subjected
his name in the literature he will not
study it. I hear the Bowdler

was previously disappointed at not
getting Oxford, & well he might be.
I presume you have read of the
Poulton statue (of Darwin). I
hear it adversely criticized, but
have not seen it yet. Doing this
with one hand, he gave a dinner of
a time with the other on some
poor change for extra reprints &
authors corrections at the Lincoln.
To boot is his fame! Poor Alleyne
Nicholson was indeed a good & an
under-valued man. I trust him in

person & always found him most
honourable & industrious. He died
quite suddenly from an attack of
perforating ulcer of the duodenum -
a terrible end indeed. A. Thomson
seems to have commenced well &
become already popular in the
Northern Metropolis, but he passes &
will pass to the end. I presume
you know of Lord Kelvin's retire-
-ment, & that G. L. Lachbrook (whom I
think you know) has accepted the
Directorship of the new National
Physical Lab.

As for Hatteris, all is going well.
My youngsters lived for between
3-4 months & died of kindness &
over feeding. I have now about
finished the work on thin skeletons,
which I shall be writing up in autumn.

his friend, & a 'Keeper' who is a
skilled taxidermist, the Landlord
paying I think $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the exhibition
whatever it may be. R. R. L. would
loyally for Moore (~~too~~ loyally, since
he is spoiling him in his own-
-estimation of his abilities - he
little dreams of my side of the
case!) & secured him, with Solter's
aid, £500 from an anonymous
donor who turns out to be (and
pray keep it quiet) A. J. Balfour!
Bight gave him £500 if not more, &
the Chartered Company agreed to
frank a 'Surveyor', with a view to
alluvial deposits. This with the
-standing, I greatly mistrust
Moore's work & his 'halcyonic'
dream, for it is too strained & is
too prone to sacrifice accuracy of
observation for mere sensation, & as to

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Arthur's detailed & interesting in its
way it does not reveal much that
is startling. The Patriarchian
alliance is strengthened by it.
Ell. Smith has started on the little
beggars brain & Poles on the D. G's.,
so that the great Arthur will not
have sent us the material in vain.

At S. K. things are "a hum". It is
now decided that the London Univ.
shall go into the Imperial Institute,
there are to have £800,000 spent on
the year (Victoria & Albert) by means.
This will give us a grand art pile

has left us his perswading,
but he was 'cute' enough to
get the foundation-stone of the
year by memento laid before he left.
We had a Court Function, at which
Levée Dress was compulsory, & when
it was over it was intimated to
us that it would be as well if we
Professors of the P.C.S. who had not
been to Court would go. There were
4 of us (Perry, Tilden, Gannon, & the
two went! The wife, with the
instincts of a mere ♀, insisted on
my being photographed, & upon my
soul if the Misses would like
a copy you have but to say so &
it shall be sent. Only when (tip)
you get it, don't laugh! It's too
serious! And poor Flower

gone. He will be much missed,
his President of the Zoological he
was perfectly ideal - a man whose
like they certainly will not see
again. He was cremated at
Woking, the service was held at
the corresponding hour in his
parish church, at which he was
a constant attendant. You have
of course seen E. R. L. S. & the of
him in 'Nature' (most excellent, but
inconsistent, since he would have
told you a different tale via voce) &
Bell's in the 'Athenaeum' (positively
disrespectful & snobbish). At the
Zo. the Duke of Bedford is talked
of as Huxley's successor, but I should
prefer a more strictly scientific man
had a voice in the affair. At the B.M.

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The great E. P. L. leads the life of a recluse, positively barring out all intruders on his sacred presence & seeing little of even his staff. He may have plans, & indeed there is already experimental evidence of a big improvement in the arrangement of the bird gallery, but if he wants to do anything he must attend for more than 2-4 hours a day & be a little more communicative with his eyes. I hear that the Treasury have sanctioned H. Woodward's continuing in office for another year, which will be good for E. P. L. since

anthropological but
were physical measurement
treated as supplementary to
surgical anatomy. Still old H. is
I think safe, it is but a matter
of time. His collections are grand,
both from New Guinea & Borneo, the
has been given a couple of beastly
old & foul smelling cottages, in
which to work & store his things
pro the. Foster is doing all he can
for him, though at present eat
McAlister without salt!

Your Aunt's Book! How well it is
being reviewed, how much I have
enjoyed reading it. Did you ever
send Haddon a copy - the poor old
chap has not received it if you did

seems a little disappointed.
And what the forty do — do do
you mean by sending me that
entire Horn volume & all the way
from Melbourne too! I now adorn
my shelves & is highly prized, but
really old man you shouldn't!
Yes I must shut up, as Beddard's
greasy carcass looms in sight
(he has just finished a book on
"Cetacea"! I wonder what he will
do for next — the Sea Serpent
perhaps — think I'll suggest it).
An revoir, my kindest regards to
all at home in which the wife &
Daisy unite, & with all good wishes
for yourself. I am, as ever
Yrs. ever G. B. Howls.

We are going onto the
Northumberland Coast
on Aug. 14th.

he does not yet know the report
H. W. does. A. Smith Woodward
will not like this, but he has done
well enough & has but to bide his
time. I wish I could get something
better for my own Martin Woodward.
He had a shot at London but missed
it, & it is by no means that the
treasury are content in his case
- pleading "the non-remunerative
nature of the work"! Old Haddon
is very fit, & but for a gross &
mischievous piece of laughing
on Mr. Alister's part he would by
this have been enrolled in a
responsible position as Anthropologist
in Cambridge. I suspect Mr. A.
is either jealous or afraid of him,
& he certainly cares for nothing

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I have been staying in Cambridge lately, & people of our kind here are much concerned about Willey, who seems on his beam ends. Now that his Balfour Scholarship has run out he is idle, & my former L.R.L. holding him bound to find ^{him} a job, as he gave up a small certainty in Columbia College for at his request in order to take the Balfour thing. Dr. will go for his share post at 4 mgs, & I much hope he may get it. H. & the Bride were both in for Univ. Coll., the latter being apparently either dissatisfied or unpopular in Canada, my own men are coming on. The

(a chap named Cook) has been
commissioned to go in for a 3
years fish-hunting on the Nile,
in order to obtain material &
coloured drawings for a monographic
vol. which Boulenger will contribute
to Anderson's "Fauna of Egypt."
Another (F. S. Jamieson) is now
entering into an arrangement to
go Pearl Chilling, with all the
that he can achieve, in the British
Islands (I. of New Guinea), for a
syndicate in the City. A man
named Wickham is running it, &
you must not be surprised if you
see Jamieson with a letter from
me some fine day. He is clever,
young, & fully competent for the
task, but drink!

And now you old dog, are you!
