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SOUTH KENSINGTON,
LONDON, S.W.

R. C. S. 30. 11. 07.

My very dear Mr. B.

I hasten to tender you
my most profound sympathy,
that of all known to you among
my family circle & friends, on your
sad bereavement. It seems too
terrible, & I pray to God that it
may not so alter your plans as
to in any way modify the fixed
course you have in prospect.

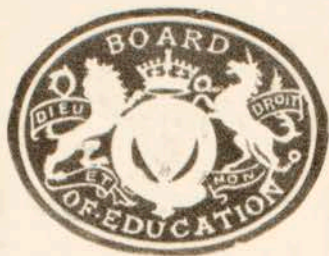
You will perhaps have seen that
I am doing my best in "Nature"
to keep your memory fresh & your
movements known, there I to end

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You the individual congratulations
on that perfect-entire-tripping, appe-
-ration, you would take heart, you
-traveller deserves a monument.
Congratulations heartily to you, on the
you have them for achieved.
As to Chapman. We have been much
-satisfied, by a letter received by him
from Hull & on by us from the Report
-Rev. while, to compliment - matter,
-saying, is pressing him to our
-soon. After mature & full consi-
-deration, especially in view of
-upon statements concerning building
in prospect, we have decided that
we had better desist in Feb., so as to
be about at the time of your expected
return. However, it is desirable that
Chapman should have time in Feb.
to arrange for the passage of his wife
& 2 children, to put his private affairs
in order, & to finish so far as shall be

possible, his Transatlantic work. Fred has just put all
this before the A. S. & we hope matters can be thus
arranged.
We are busy & much exercised here over two chief topics,
one the London Univ. - the other Gregory's withdrawal from
the Antarctic Expedition. Concerning the former,
we have boards, committees, & all sorts of
organising bodies going it hard, with revolutionary
projects in view, if only money be forthcoming. The
Gov't, in cutting the Univ. adrift, have shelled down a paltry
£8,000 for the first year, & that with the C. C. £10,000 will
about pay working expenses, & the administrative officers. We
want a Carnegie - who, by the bye, has just offered £200,000
to pay the Scottish students of fees - & may need a very
doubtful means of disposing of his wealth. We are hoping to

arrange a school-leaving exam. which shall rank as a
matric, as is done on the Continent the Continent, & to name
that the exam. College courses shall rank as an intermediate.

Concerning Gropius' affair, there may be two sides to the argu-
-ment, but to me his action seems strange. The power of the
Capitain seems the great stumbling-block, but under the
English law that is absolute as involving life & limb, & it
is said that ~~old~~ done, G. has been granted facilities for
in years of time. Thompson told his predecessor. ^{He never,}
since the Gen. Subordinates are being chosen largely from
among his friends with whom he can work, they hid from
the as well as without him as they are unknown. It is
a man! & I fear it is the old story of too many cooks,
while Coulton, in making into print with a manifesto, has



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been most injudicious.

I hope you like the Royal Soc.
list, also, Guyon, A. Smith,
Woodward, & Evans, are good
enough.

Have you heard of this probable
man's nest, into Mr. P. L. Selah
& P. L. have tumbled - the so-
-called Friar's nest. All that
there is to show at present is a
couple of boulders (one from
the body of an undoubted nature)
which might be bits of a reddish
Gela. To these P. L. has given
the name *Gyris Johnstoni*. Later
comes to him a drawing, delineating

a coat of a cream between a red-
backed outelope & a striped-
legged & mottled goshawk, both with
clown hats! said to have been since
"Copped off". While to L. P. L. comes
a letter (like the red top-writer)
saying that I shall be to obtain an
on this way, but there is need of
caution, on zoological things are
about! I was in the chair, on the
most memorable night concerning
the affair at the Zoo, & on that of
the writing following P. L., claiming
that his specific name must stand,
I proposed a generic group - "Constrictor"
amounting to "striped ass". I have
further reason for suspecting a "phantom"
to have an in for a repetition of
the fundamental of "Hilobites & the Orestes"
- wide found known as "Hilobites".

And for my own part I sincerely hope it may be
so, as it will teach both these big men a lesson.
There is slandering, thus never settled down since his
return. He has just finished one of two popular
books, wh. will have pretty pictures but some
odd heterodox sentiments. Bowdler has
just published his book on the Congo fishes &
fisheries, wh. is grand, & you must feel if he does
not send you a copy.

Quite now, I am hoping to induce Mrs. Gladstone, who
is intent on something substantial to poor dear P's
memory, to put all her eggs into the anthropological
basket & secure the unwritten records & all else, on the
lines you have so magnificently laid down, which yet there

is the chance. I am holding out limits of immortality,
that I shall succeed.

Your Weywardia paper is now published, top the 10 copies
I had sent you, I have posted one each to J. Major, Toronto
(who asked for it) to A.S. Woodward, ~~to~~ Lydenberg, to
Bursley (Brown's man) S. Thomson, keeping one
myself, thinking to send one each to J. S. & J. Brown.
I am, writes me that he "don't at all agree" with you
to far as he can "waste up" his "mind from ~~figures~~
figures alone" & that the best resemblance to "Lindeman
seem far greater than you admit! I don't suppose this will
disturb you.

You late on, meanwhile may all that is
good by yours & your life & that of I'llen safe & sound. Yrs. ever
G. B. Howe.