

INGLEDENE,

BARROWGATE ROAD,

CHISWICK.

29. 6. 02.

My dear Mr. B.S.

A piping hot day, one of the series we have encountered after of lengthy period of rain & cold (wh. by the way must be cyclic, as I have it in my diary for 1890 that it was then the same & a repetition of '79) Compels me to remain indoors & that more profitable than to write to you. This time I have but one letter & that of Mrs. S., to put me to the blush. Let me in the first place, congratulate you on your good health & safe return & your glorious work in prospect. Stella (who's a pious enthusiast & nothing more) spent a day with me last week, she tells me you seem to be a wee bit lame! Can this be, if so, what is the

course. What a fine fellow he is. He
gave me a field day with his ⁴
Land Planarians, his Peripatus, & the
rest. I gave & promised me treasure
Galore. On finding the room in wh.
we sat now Huxley's old study, he
went nearly frantic with delight, &
insisted on writing his name in his
pocket book on Huxley's desk, the
inscription being countersigned by me
with a copy of the verse inscribed
on Huxley's tomb! If this is not
pious enthusiasm such as one
rarely meets, I don't know what
is. Poor de L! I hope he
will survive his operation, wh. you
doubtless know is for a calculus in
his kidney. If this comes off all
right, he is going to give us an exhibit
at Belfast, this yearning for the day
when he can see eyes of Hooker, Lubbock,

& others be worships as our pioneers!

Your graphic description of your journey has
given me much pleasure, for I had read & read
your letter. It was a great relief moreover, when, in
March, the wife & I called on your mother & sisters, to
find that they had more but good news of you. We
were anxious to a degree, & your good people cheered
us somewhat, by giving us a photo. of Ellen &
yourself with your sisters & the dwarf. Did I
understand that the faithful beard was one
which simply pleased you, & was a part of one
of your party. If so, he deserves to be immortalized!
How anxious was your wife, how delighted she was that

been to receive you back in such good form. I wish
my love & tell her she is the bridle & bray though
but to be.

For dear Woodward! awful is
the only word which will express his fate. I need not tell
you what I have had in him: but all the same, more

has not fallen behind my expectations, except for a
d-d careless habit of misapprehending common English
words, he has done his duty by me. He is at least
enthusiastic & looks much to the depth in cheer. What
do you say to his posting a notice that "this appa-
-ration (incubator) must not be tutched" — which
notice fell into the wily student's hands. How has he been
more fortunate in the recent P. 2. S. volume (twice in So
ling he has written "bruckle man" (broual of course intended).

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The extraordinary
thing is the
Belate did not spot it
in editing the work!

You will not find such things in
Moore's books, simply because a
lister type-copies & corrects his MSS.
And this reminds me to remark that
his second book, to be published almost
immediately, will not be so bad.
I hope he sent you the first one.

Sincere congratulations on your
part of the new buildings in prospect.
I hope, above all things, now that you
are a millionaire, you will not
forget your museum work.

Of all men of whose doings I
would write you, I think Smith
Comes first. His memoirs of
the Poem, two of which we are
publishing in the *Linnean Trans.*

to which one has already appeared
in the P. R. S. & another is now
about to appear in our American
journal, speak for themselves.

They are collectively the best
that has been done in cerebral
topography these 30 years, & I
count the awful privilege of having
seen them through & read them
in his absence, an honor. In him
we have a born neurologist, who
has begun to work on the obtaining
of a position such as would cause
many men to stop. Have you
heard of his investigations on the
Upper Nile. Some American ex-
plorers having unearthed a succession
of graves (a veritable cemetery)
ranging from the Coptic back to
the pre-historic period of about 8000

years, it became evident that all the bodies were
poisoned owing to the dryness of the atmosphere,
the Egyptian hot. vent him off, but the affage for
2. 3 months, to do his best with them; the writes
we sent, in all the 400, the brain, the skinning, is
preserved (whenever the habit of expiating it thro'
the nose must have been a very recent one).

He has seen the muscles, the diaphragm, the
hind-bladders, the spleen-like yere! t, in 20
cases, the eyes with lens in situ! Hairs, nails,
teeth, are all present in situ, in the case
of some of the children the eye in some
intact. The Yautjes have promised him a large

column with photographs at last. The truth is
that he has already done sufficient to prove that
Hindus Petrie's speculations, as to the nature of the
early Egyptian & the people who in prehistoric times
inhabited the Egyptian lands, are greatly in error.

You will, of course, have seen the announcement of
the wonderful work that Andrews has done in the
Egyptian desert. The discovery of Soene Ptole-
-mians & other Hellenistic remains, not a whit
less important than the best of the American Soene,
to say nothing of the association (as in S. America)
of the Guelphic & the Grand Snake! And as
to the Lord of Kapi, about which such a sickening fuss

has been made,
town wh. R.P.L.

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just missed (owing to
the slowness of publication of the
Gobol. Trans.) making a beastly
mess. Thank God, the creature
is now in the hands of Joseph
Major the one man competent
to do it justice; & for my own
views upon it, let me refer you to
my as yet unwritten British
Assoc. Address.

I am much interested in your
speculations on the future of
Biology as an Educational subject.
With us Botany has always had
the pull, but under the coming
London regulations Gobology of a
very elementary type, is to be an

optional subject for matric⁴. And
this reminds me that you should
witness (in the Lond. Univ. Gazette)
the fact that, having ordained
that Latin for the future shall be
optional for matric!, the authori-
ties appropriately commence by
inscribing on the page (given
by Rose as Vice-Chancellor) a
Latin sentence ending with
Vice-Chancellorius!! We, at
St. Remington, are contemplating
a novel departure, largely due
to our Mechanician Perry (who,
as you probably know, has lately
become the hero of "practical
mathematics") & his opinion,
that he is at a loss, by lack of

knowledge of the animal world. He says that if
he could but find out how the organ is being
stom its being he could solve the problem of the
future; & so impressed are we all but judge with
his arguments, that we have resolved for the future
to enable it to compare on all students found out
in doing & in being but whining; to have a short
course of about 25 lectures, & appropriate
practical work in Botany, Zoology & History,
& the cutting down of joint present 'Historical'
Course. It will be an interesting & periment
if it comes off & if, for my own part, shall go for such
to be as an alternative of love, honor & disposal of energy;

& the life. As our year building progress, we are
looking for the future, & among our latest acquisitions
we have the entire Subject & Author Catalogues
of Field, which no one else would take in London,
which are to be contained under a clerk's set
aside for the purpose, as a central object in our
Great Science Library that is to be. The kind things
were said in my hearing at the Berlin Congress
Card catalogue as to our English lack of interest in
Field's work & resolved them & there to remedy
matters, which, thanks to Ford, I have succeeded
in doing.

What a hastily business in this

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which lies at
the door of your
Accountant! But how has it
come about that such an act
was possible. There must have
been some disgracefully loose
management somewhere!

I am so sorry to hear you have had
to fix up your home, for from
all I have heard I know it to
be a beautiful place, the parting
from which must be to you all a
wrench. You have the satisfaction
however of getting among your
College friends & I could but wish
that old Moore, of whom I have often
heard you speak, had lived into
the present. You will have read

about our Coronation surprise, but
on the whole it will have done us
no harm, if only that it has
given us a trial of patience, &
wh, as a nation, we have never
before. I would that you could
see the Westminster Annex - a
cut & plan of extension of the
Abbey from the towers to the street.
It has been built as an entry
for the Royalties, & to provide
the necessary robing-rooms for the
king. It is a triumph for the
modeller's art, & one cannot believe
it to be anything but a bit of the
Grand Old building which has
stood from the first. It looks
dirty & weather-worn, & as if by

late than combined with it a recently refused
portion of the heavy loss of a Statuette of Edw. VII
aspirin as a year pin. We are keeping up our far &
electric illuminations & many of our stands, in
order to provide a feast for a "leaving day" if not for
the actual Coronation yet to come! The rapid
removable program which the King is making
towards recovery gives the lie to the idle talk
about his habits & health, which has reached
a positively repulsive stage.

Now I must close, not however without sending
to you one & all our love & the best of good wishes.

We are all fit & hope you are so too. Daisy is
forming a quartet & is doing well with her
education.

Let me have a line soon, to say how you all are
how you find Chapman going on & whether
you are intending to remain in the Province. And
until then, believe me

I am remaining truly ever yours sincerely

for the Belfast Chair, Thos. D.

G. B. Howe.

shall succeed. Also look out for my

series of vol. 4 of Huxley's Reprints — it will

be. & E. P. C. have printed the book with 7 important omissions!

Have you seen Chum, ⁴ on
the *Baldia Cruise*. He
has dredged in 5,000 fathoms.
I think - deeper than any-
-one else. He says that
with the opening & closing
net he got *Radiolariana*
& *Stauron* at 2,500 fathoms.
He has rediscovered the *Giants*
Appendicularia (2 species),
has found a *Giants Stauron*
(as has Filchrich at the
Cape), also an Octopod
with siliceous firing tubes (?
has not Hoyle already

described one). He has
also got the Pelagic Atho-
-thurion (Pelagothurion)
& deep sea fishes ~~and~~ most
finesome & grotesque.

Other things in keeping
