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My dear Mr. B. S.

I was rejoiced by  
 your letter of July 8, as was my  
 wife to receive that of yours, telling  
 me of the success of your lectures.  
 I should much have liked to have  
 been present to join in the applause,  
 & congratulate you on so hearty a  
 reception & on having received  
 justice from those in high authority.

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Old Haddon applied to me a  
little time ago, for the loan of some  
of your letters, & I lent him the best  
& most useful I have. He has  
returned them, not saying what he  
intends to do with the information  
he may have gleaned; but I  
suspect his British Assoc. Address  
to the Anthropological Section, which is  
the one I mention. You know  
of course that I am President of  
Section D. I am in for a short  
resumé of the main lines of  
progress during the last 25 years  
(<sup>including</sup> the last B.A. meeting in Belfast)  
with a defence of the morphological  
method, & an attempt to refute  
Patten, Russell, & to show that Darwin



is not an Ordeal, Dewar is President in Chief,  
but he cannot raise the same kind of question did in

1894.

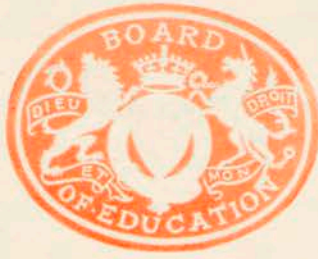
I am flattered in what you say of my strong postcard  
compliments to Sawyer & Hunt learning people. I  
have run in his Blind Surface - drilling cube form  
in my B. A. Address. Still spent a day with a  
in June, will be at Belfast, having come successfully  
through an operation for cataracts. I never met a more

powerful authority. I really think that in doing all we can  
for such a man we are bettering the common stock of  
endeavouring to educate the rest. Our best buildings are

going ahead, but slowly. I am much interested in  
your remarks on the requirements of your first year  
medical, & agree heartily with what you say. We  
are contemplating a radical change with our business  
men, viz. to make a short course of say 25 lectures each  
on Botany, Zoology, & Chemistry, compulsory for all students  
but miners. The physicians & mechanicians are keen  
on it, & if it comes to pass I shall do my best to make  
my part worth their while.

I show your high opinion of Bourne's Book, as you may have  
gathered from my review in "Nature". Charles Brown  
with bridge!! And this reminds me to ask if you can





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my notice of the Huxley reprints  
Vol. 4. I am thankful to say I  
have prevailed upon Macmillan  
to prepare a Supplementary Volume,  
to make good the unparliamentary  
negligence of Mr. F. T. R. C., for whom  
there is no excuse.

And as to Coronation, I am quite of  
opinion that all has been for the  
best in the end, & that the patience  
of both Ruler & People has but cemented  
the bond of union, & made our King  
more popular than before. What  
more pleasing than his present tour &  
the manner in which he is visiting people

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things, & which more graceful than  
his gift of Osborne the day after he  
was crowned, when he would have sold  
it for its weight in gold. He now, as  
you in the park, does the one right thing.  
I am much interested in your  
description of your new abode, & hope  
that all will turn out well. It would  
have been a wrench for you, to have left  
your charming surroundings, but you  
have the advantage of being near your  
work.

I am at a loss to understand the  
Zological exchange affair, & will see into  
it when we get back to the autumn's  
work. There must be some  
misunderstanding.

I suppose you will have seen by this  
that Graham Kerr has got the Glasgow  
post. Powelliston (of Cambridge) was the



favorite, but since he for the third time went off his  
head, just as he was seeking to show the electrons he was  
thin when he is the fittest. D'Arcy Thompson, head,  
others are very thick, but it was the fact that P. Kim was a  
Sectah graduate which did it. I suspected all along he

would have a good chance, & as for D'Arcy Th., the  
feeling is that he is a literary man too good for

you will be glad to know that Moore is setting out  
freely than in his work. His big Yang any other book will soon  
be out, & I think you will find it interesting. It is a great  
 pity that but Grayson do not appear.

Dandy is just now  
in Switzerland, his in hopes of getting the Belfast chair.  
Sedgewick will not know of his participation, but he has got but

an odd case of disposition (that with an opposite parent!).  
There is one thing wh. remains, viz. for me to remind you  
that I have some £10 or £12 of yours lying on hand - viz.  
the balance of your original draft of the year 20 + that  
of 6 you lent me to get cashed (wh. by the by arrived within the  
last 24 hours for wh. it was valid). Let me know when  
next you write, what I can do to dispose of this sum.  
If there is anything I can purchase + send let me know.  
I will forward you the papers concerning it when, in Oct.,  
I return to work.  
Now, an error, helping me tell an well that Chapman is  
a success, from Yrs. son R. B. Howe.