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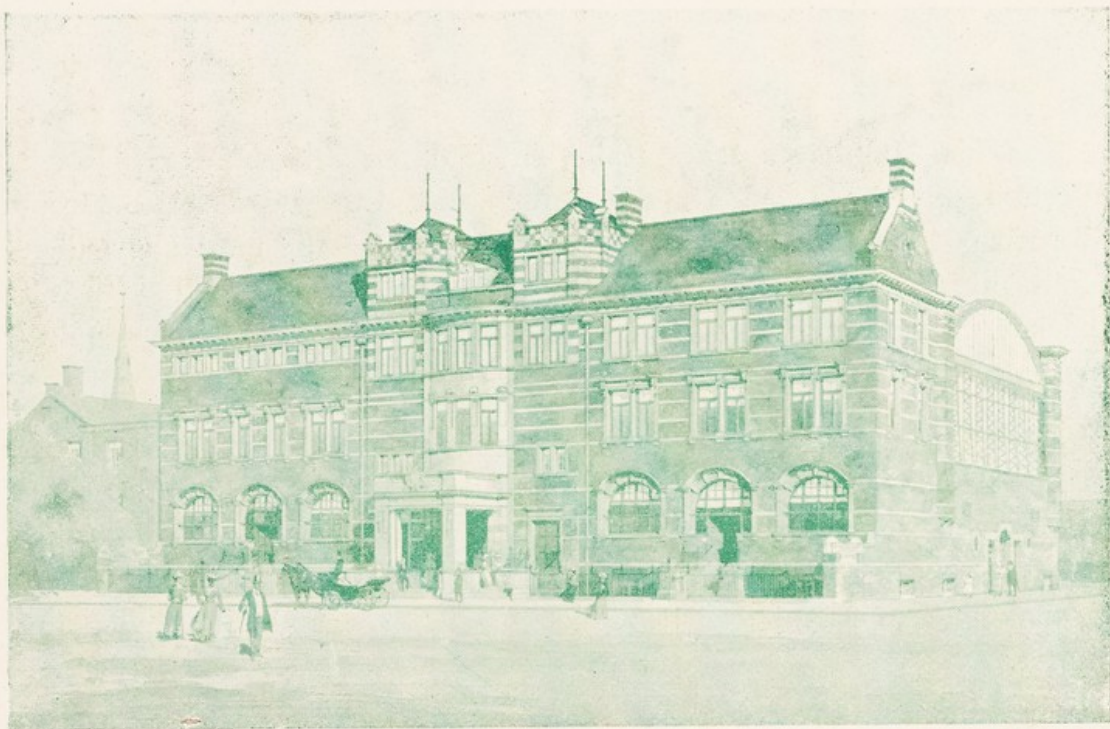
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ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL

1905/09

The Royal Horticultural Hall.

VINCENT SQUARE, WESTMINSTER, S.W.



Built to commemorate the Centenary of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Telegrams "Hortensia, London." Telephone No. : 5363, Westminster.

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL.

Vincent Square,

Westminster, S.W.

This Hall is most centrally situated, exactly midway between Westminster Abbey and Victoria Station, is most easily accessible from all parts of London, and may be regarded as one of the most convenient Halls of its kind in the Metropolis. It has been erected with all the latest structural improvements, and in accordance with the requirements of the London County Council.

It is Fireproof throughout, lighted with Electricity, and has a most efficient system of Heating specially designed to obviate those currents of cold air from the roof hitherto considered unavoidable in very large Halls. The Ventilation is also on the most approved principle, so that the temperature can be regulated as desired both in summer and winter.

Persons taking the Hall or other parts of the Building are at liberty to make their own arrangements with any Refreshment Contractor they wish, subject to the approval of the Council of the Society.

Separate Cloak Room Accommodation for Ladies and Gentlemen is provided.

The premises may be viewed on application to the Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society, with whom dates may be booked.



SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS.

Great Hall, exclusive of platform	=	1,300 Seats.
Each Annexe	= - - =	150 „
Lecture Room	= - - =	175 „
Council Room	= - - =	120 „
Committee Room No. 1	= - - =	80 „
„ „ „ 2	= - - =	55 „
„ „ „ 3	= - - =	55 „

Royal Horticultural Hall.

SCALE OF CHARGES.

I. For the Great Hall and its Annexes—

(a) For a Meeting, Concert, Lecture or Entertainment in aid of the Funds of any Charitable or Philanthropic Society or Institution, Daytime	7 Guineas.
Half-day (9 till 1, or 2 till 6)	4 ..
Evening, terminating before midnight	10 ..
(b) For any other purpose :—	
Day and evening to midnight	25 ..
Per day and evening to midnight in a series ...	20 ..
Day only (<i>i.e.</i> , 9 till 6)	15 ..
Half-day (9 till 1, or 2 till 6)	10 ..
Evening Entertainment	15 ..
Ditto. if lasting after midnight	20 ..
(c) <i>For Rehearsals for Concerts and for preparing for Bazaars, &c.—Half the above charges.</i>	

2. For the Lecture Room*--

- (a) For a Meeting not exceeding 2 hours in duration between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. 3 Guineas.
For each additional hour or part of an hour, £1 1/-
- (b) For an evening Meeting not exceeding 2 hours 4 ..
For each additional hour or part of an hour, terminating at or before midnight, £1 11/6.

* Use of Electric Lantern with Operator, £1 11s. 6d.

3. For the Council Room, or Committee Room, No. 3--

- (a) For a Meeting by daylight not exceeding 2 hours between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. 2 ..
For each additional hour or part of an hour, 10/6.
- (b) For an evening Meeting not exceeding 2 hours 2½ ..
For each additional hour or part of an hour terminating at or before midnight, £1 1/-

4. For Committee Room, No. 1 or 2--

- (a) For Meeting by daylight, not exceeding 2 hours between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. 1½ ..
For each additional hour or part of an hour, 7/6.
- (b) For an evening Meeting not exceeding 2 hours 2 ..
For each additional hour or part of an hour terminating at or before midnight, 15/-

NOTES AND REGULATIONS.

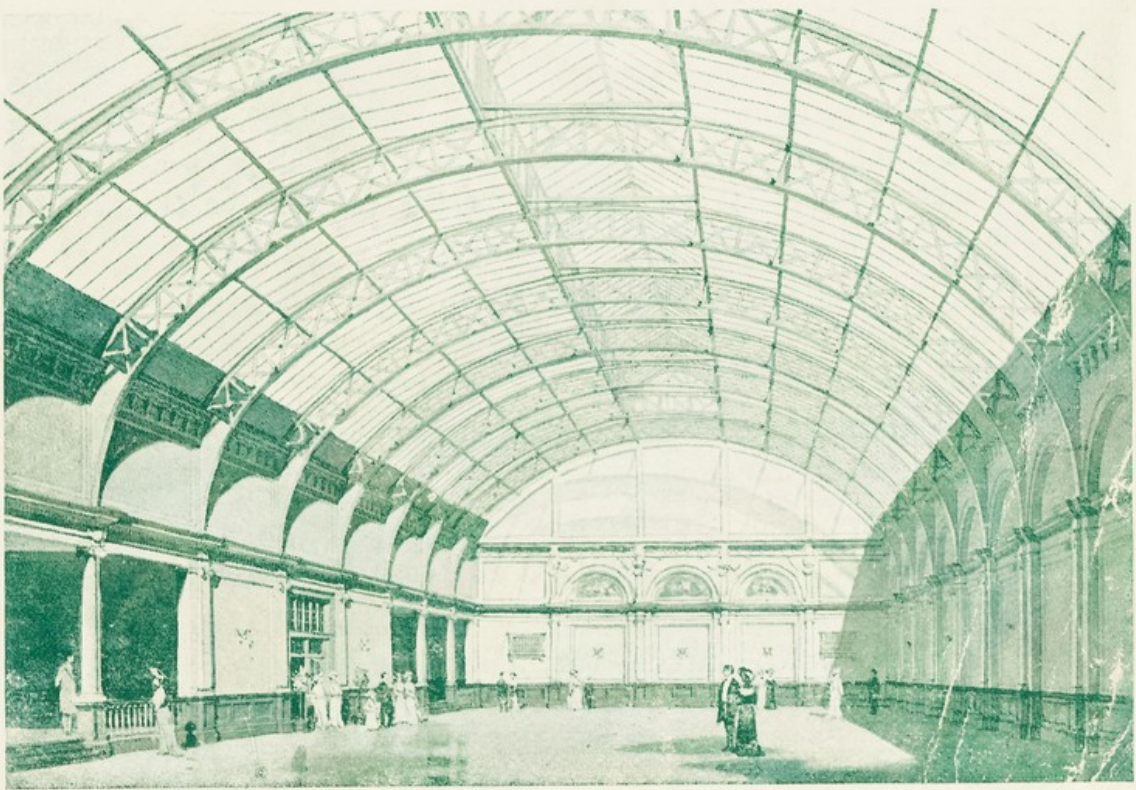
The charges include the usual lighting, ventilating and warming ; the arranging and numbering of the usual number of seats ; and platform in Hall and suitable cloak room accommodation in each case.

Additional lights, gas, attendants, and piano are extra. One turnstile is provided gratis, and the use of another can be obtained for a small fee.

Reductions are allowed to Charities ; to Societies wishing to meet regularly ; and to persons taking two or more rooms for the same occasion.

The Council reserve to themselves the right to refuse any application for hiring the premises.

Copies of the full Regulations for hiring the Hall, together with the Form of Agreement, may be had on application to the Secretary of the ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W.



THE GREAT HALL.

The Area of the Great Hall with its Annexes is 13,000 square feet.

The London County Council have granted a Music and Dancing License, so that money may be taken at the door. Turnstiles are provided when required. A Dramatic License can also be obtained on application.

The Building is specially adapted for the holding of Shows and Exhibitions, Concerts and Entertainments, Bazaars, Conversazione, Dances and Banquets, and can be fitted as follows:—

For CONCERTS and ENTERTAINMENTS, a platform and seating for 1,200 to 1,500 as required.

For SHOWS and EXHIBITIONS staging is provided, for the lighting of which when required extra electric cables have been provided.

For RECEPTIONS, BALLS, &c., a Parquet Dancing Floor can be arranged. The Annexes can be used for crush rooms or for serving of refreshments, and the Lecture Room and Committee Rooms on first floor as supper or retiring rooms.

A Gallery for an Orchestra or Band is provided at the east end of the Hall.

Gas mains are laid on all over the Great Hall and the eastern Annexe and Lecture Room for cookery purposes and exhibitions requiring heat.

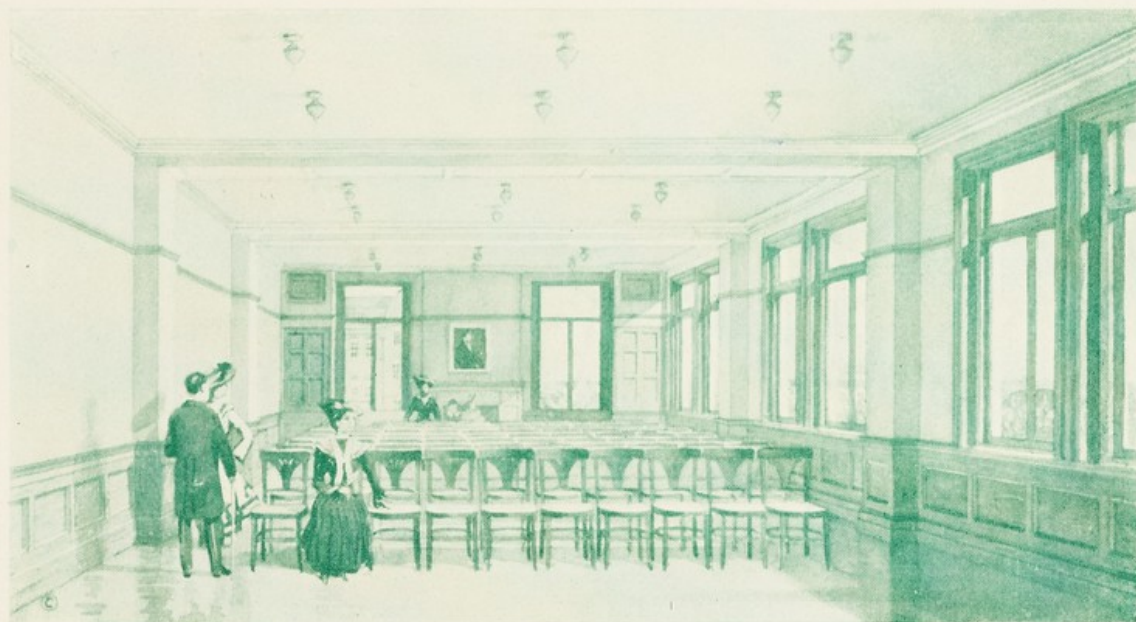


OTHER ACCOMMODATION.

The LECTURE ROOM is provided with an electric lantern, and with gas, water, and electric cables for purposes of demonstration. Seating provided for 175 persons.

The COUNCIL and COMMITTEE ROOMS are specially adapted and furnished for Company Meetings, Committees, Arbitrations, &c., and will seat from 50 to 120 persons.

The whole of the first floor may be hired with a separate entrance for At Homes, Weddings and other Receptions, Conferences, and such-like gatherings.



THE LECTURE ROOM.

The Royal Horticultural Hall.

—♦—
HIS MAJESTY THE KING described it as a "magnificent Hall."

—♦—
OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

THE TIMES, speaking of one of the hottest days in July, said:—"Ventilation excellent—one of the coolest places in London."

THE MORNING POST—"Acoustic properties entirely excellent; lighting and heating admirably regulated."

THE STANDARD—"A home worthy of the Society's long and honourable traditions."

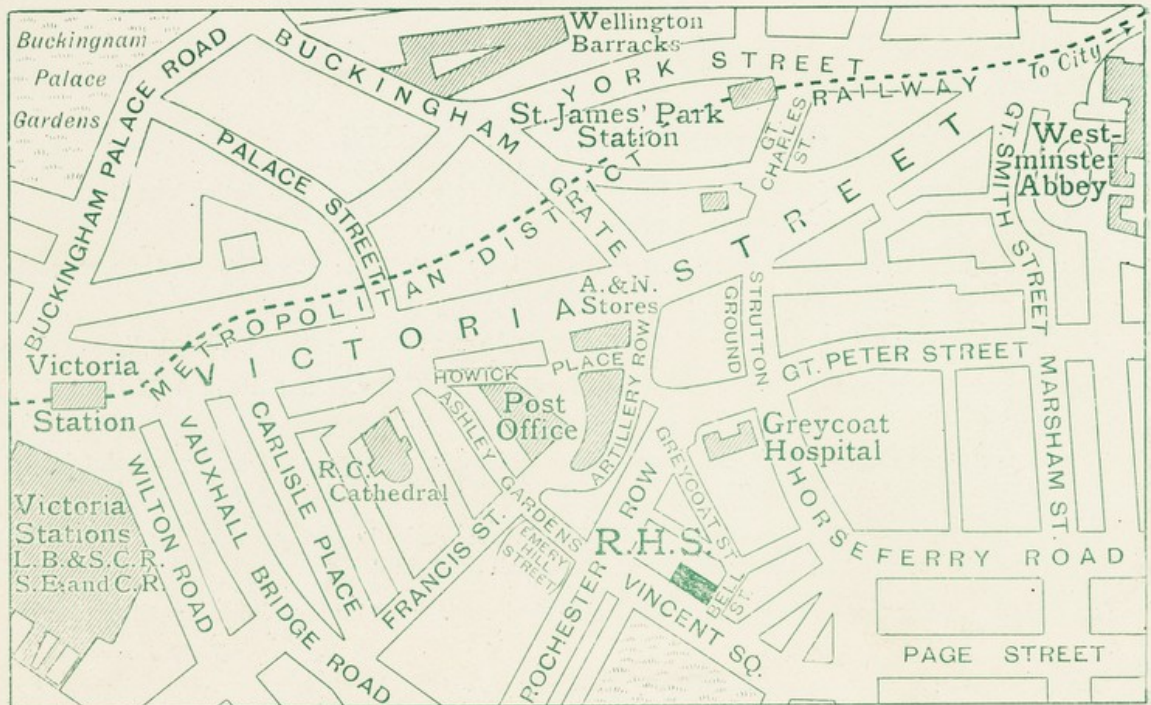
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH—"An exceedingly handsome building. The lightest Hall—the coolest place in London."

THE DAILY CHRONICLE—"The Hall is not only one of the largest and prettiest, but absolutely the lightest in London."

THE DAILY NEWS—"The lightest Hall in London, a perfectly lovely exhibition Hall in white, covered by a roof of glass admitting full daylight."

THE DAILY GRAPHIC—"A spacious handsome building, very large—admirably fitted for its purpose."

THE GLOBE—"A really beautiful Hall."



POSITION OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL.



TELEGRAMS: "HORTENSIA, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: "5363 WESTMINSTER."
Secretary—Rev. W. WILKS, M.A.

Royal Horticultural Society.

Vincent Square.

Westminster, S.W.

16 June, 1905.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, the best time to see the Hall would be between 2 & 5 on Monday when we shall have our tabling ready for the show of Tuesday. On Tuesday I am quite full up with meetings except from 12 till 1, the enclosed would admit Mr. Wellcome any time

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on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday I am entirely free and on Saturday we have the second display of Madame Bergman Osterburg's Physical Culture. But I would rather Mr. Wellcome see the tabling instead of the arena; the said tabling will be up from Monday, midday until Wednesday midday and I could keep it in position till midday Thursday, if desired.

Please make an appointment if you possibly can, with

Yours very truly & obliged
Thos. E. Sedgwick
Assistant Secretary.

To Admit Mr. Wellcome &
friends. 20. 6. 05.

Mr. T. Sedgwick,

Assistant Secretary,
Royal Horticultural Society.

Vincent Square,
Westminster, S.W.

September 13. 1905.

Dear Sir,

I regret that absence from town has prevented me replying to your telephone messages and to your letter of the 12th inst, giving me particulars when the Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society will be disengaged. Mr Wellcome is unable at present to fix any definite date for the forthcoming Historical Medical Exhibition, but it will certainly not be held this side of February next. As soon as we can take the date into consideration, I will write you in due time.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Mr Thos. E. Sedgwick,
Royal Horticultural Society,
Vincent Square,
Westminster,
S. W.

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Answered.

13 SEP 1905

Vincent Square.

Westminster, S.W.

12 Sept. 1905.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I write to enquire whether anything further has been done about the great Historical Medical Exhibition ~~of~~ being held here.

At present the Hall is disengaged from the evening of January 11 until the night of Feb. 24, except Jan. 23 and Feb. 13, when I explained to you, we would arrange matters to our mutual satisfaction.

I now have an insistent lady requiring the use of the Hall on Feb. 21, and have already made other hirers take later dates.

Can you definitely let me know whether Dr. Wellcome still thinks of taking the Hall and if so, ~~for~~ what dates?

When I have this settled, I hope to go for a holiday.

Yours very truly

Thos. E. Sedgwick

Assistant Secretary.

June 24, 1905

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for yours of the 24th inst. telling me that you will be absent from town on Tuesday and Friday of this week.

I am sorry Mr Wellcome has not yet had an opportunity of coming to view the Hall and he is so busy at present he can fix no permanent date. As soon as he can do so I will either telephone to you or write you again.

Faithfully yours,

Thos. E. Sedgwick Esq.,
Royal Horticultural Society,
Vincent Square,
Westminster, S.W.



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Royal Horticultural Society,

Vincent Square,

Westminster, S.W.

24 June, 1905.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you with another letter but although I quite understand that pressure of other business may have prevented Mr. Wellcome from coming this week, I shall myself be away on Tuesday and Friday next week and I therefore trust that he will not time his visit for either of those

two days.

Yours very faithfully
Thos. E. Sedgwick
Assistant Secretary.

June 15. 1905.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., I have placed your letter before Mr Wallace, and he requests me to say that he will endeavour to call and see the Hall one day next week.

Owing to the pressure of business he is under just now, he is unable to fix any definite time, but I presume any morning or afternoon between 11 and 4 o'clock will be convenient for you. Kindly let me know.

Faithfully yours,

Thos. B. Sedgwick Esq.,
Royal Horticultural Society,
Vincent Square,
Westminster,
S. W.



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Royal Horticultural Society,

Vincent Square,

Westminster, S.W.

8 June, 1905.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our interview last Thursday I am now empowered to treat with Mr. Welcome as to his exhibition being held here on some date to be agreed.

We have settled our own dates for the first half of next year and have arranged after follows:—

Jan. 9 - a small show.
12 days' interval.

Jan. 23 - a comparatively small exhibition
19 days' interval.

Feb. 13 - Our Annual Meeting with a large show.
19 days' interval.

Mar. 6. A fair sized show.
and subsequently shows at fortnightly intervals.

On Jan. 23 or March 6, arrangements could be made for your plant products being left on view in the Hall, but on Feb. 13 the Exhibition is filled with living plants. I can offer you a special rate of £300 per

month, to include heating and lighting and
tabling, and the exclusive use of the Hall and
first floor with private staircase communicating.
also the exclusive use of two lavatories (ladies
and gentlemen) and as much storage room as
you may require in the crypt. You could
moreover have the use of part of the crypt
for unpacking and cataloguing at a nominal
rent of (say) £1 per month to include ~~and~~ light.

I could arrange for the Lecture Room being
left undisturbed and locked on Jan. 9th but
we should have to use it on Feb. 13.

I may remind you that we lend our lessees
everything that the Society possesses when required
the walls are fitted ~~for~~ with picture rods, the
floors polished and part of the basement is now
provided with a gas stove and wash-up sink, and
would add that the lighting alone costs 10/- to 15/- an
hour.

I shall be glad to hear that these terms are
suitable to Mr. Welcome and to learn ~~from~~ his
wishes as to dates as I have other enquiries for
next February.

May I therefore ask you to submit these
terms to Mr. Welcome when he can spare
time to consider the question. I shall be
pleased to show him over the Hall any day
next week after Tuesday.

Yours very truly obliged,
Thos. E. Sedgwick
Assistant Secretary.

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my friend



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Royal Horticultural Society,

Vincent Square,

Westminster, S.W.

8th March, 1905.

My dear Sir,

I have a chance for a very limited time of offering you our Hall for the medicinal exhibition from Monday June 5th until Friday June 16th both days inclusive. You could moreover move in (but not set up) between June 1st & 3rd, and the cases &c could be stored as long as you liked after June 16th. I have a meeting on Tuesday next, when this ~~must~~ ^{should} be settled if possible. I suppose you will require the use of the first floor as well as the Hall. Could you and Dr. Power see me tomorrow or Friday, either here or at Snow Hill?

Yours very truly

Thos. E. Sedgwick

Assistant Secretary.

March 9, 1905.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 3th inst. which has reached me through Dr Power, I am sorry we cannot do anything in the way of fixing a date for the Hall just now, so it would be useless my seeing you till later on.

I will communicate with you further when I am in a position to do so.

Yours very truly,

Thos. S. Sedgwick Esq.,
Royal Horticultural Society,
Vincent Square,
Westminster,
S.W.

MONKSDENE.

NORTHWICK PARK,

Harrow.

5th October 1909

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me per return particulars of your charges for the hire, etc. of the Horticultural Hall.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. T.

The Secretary,
Horticultural Hall,
Westminster, S. W.