

Letters from Charles Darwin to and re Dr. Francis de Chaumont

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Letters from the Darwin family RAME 473

I & II. Letters written by Charles Darwin
to Dr. F. de Chaumont.

III. Postcard from Charles Darwin to
his son William, about some
observations made by Dr. F. de Chaumont.

IV & V. Letters dictated & signed
by Charles Darwin, concerning
the election of Dr. F. de Chaumont to
the Royal Society.

VI. Letter from William Darwin,
thanking Dr. F. de Chaumont for
his sympathy after Charles
Darwin's death.

Lent by Mrs. F. de Chaumont.

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III

POST CARD



THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

To W. E. Darwin Esq
Baptist
Southampton.

Thanks for letter - it is spent & I - pray

to thank J. de U. cordially for me.

The evidently belongs to the same

species, a Downright good specimen.

I have seen almost all his letters, of

course giving his names. - The facts

are capital & very curious. - I care quite

believe about nothing that I know, though that

does not at present concern me much. -
March 15. C. D.

has the very faint about
- says the handwriting is
- says the handwriting is

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Feb 3^d

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I

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

Dear D. De Chamont

I am much obliged to you
for sending, & to J. MacGibbon
for having allowed you to read
to me his paper. - I have
used it with great interest;
but I do not know enough
of the law or practice re-
specting, ^{to} be of any
value. A dozen years ago
the Council of the R. M. &
have shuddered in horror at

such a commendation; but
now I desire it will
be well received &
appreciated. - The lines of
geometry & construction offer, however,
a most difficult problem; &
I venture to ask whether
Hickel has not some mischievous
of being, in so far as
admirable a manner, to
difficultly.

I hope you will daughter me
through in the way, &
thrust her shoulder & twist the
her fingers in to understand
fashion of this work is
beneficial to humanity. I
strive to find & teach of
to get principle of
interference! Seriously
I believe men & women
that she who holds in
freedom & knowledge &

belong of to laws of inheritance

do not service to

unhappy. — Pray

think do more should

to me a better man

you of money

C. L. Garrison

II

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F. A. Chawmont Esq

Royal Victoria Hospital

Netley



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DOWN
DE 17
TENT

Dec. 17

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

IV

Dear Dr De Chaumont

Very many thanks for your

note. — If at any time

you have leisure &

inclination to send me

any criticisms, I sh.

be truly obliged. —

Yours very faithfully

C. Darwin

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Dr de Chaumont

R. Victoria Hospital

Netley

Southampton



IV

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

Apr 30 1874

Dear Dr de Chaumont

I shall have great
pleasure in signing your
Certificate for the Royal Soc.
You must not be disappointed
if you do not get in at once,
as the candidates are so
numerous & the admissions
so few.

Your letter has amused &
interested me much. I always
like to hear of cases of inheritance,

& whenever there is a new ed.
of Expression I will introduce
the additional case of shrugging
&c. Accuracy & truth are often
very inconvenient, & I was
quite sorry to find the P.S.
destroying the connection of
early weeping & whooping cough.

Pray believe me

yours very sincerely

C. Darwin

V

Down,
Beckenham, Kent.

May 4 1874

Dear Dr de Chaumont

I return the enclosed signed. I observe the qualifications, viz. the subjects to which you have attended, & any papers which you may have published, are not entered in the certificate; & this ought to be done.

yours very sincerely

Ch. Darwin

P.S. Look to the back of the certificate for Instructions. →

DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
RAILWAY STATION
ORPINGTON, S.E.R.

III
My dear Sir,

Dec 23. 75

I am very much obliged to
you for so kindly sending me
your lectures on State Medicine,
parts of which, I feel sure, will
interest me much.

With many thanks

Yours very faithfully

Charles Darwin

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Letter from

W. Darwin

VI

Down

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May 2^d

My dear de Chaumont,
I am sure you will
understand that press of
work has prevented me
answering you sooner.
Your most kind and
sympathetic letter gave
my mother & myself
great pleasure.
Such true appreciation

of my dear Father's character
is a great comfort at
such a time.

It is a real pleasure to
me to think that you
knew ^{him} and that you can
see what a light
has gone out in our
family life.

I was glad to see
you in the Abbey. It

was most impressive and
though so sad to me I
was thankful to have been
present. It was a
sad work to give up
having him in our
own quiet village.

My Mother and her kind
regards, and please re-
member me very kindly
to M^{rs} de Chambray.

Yours ever sincerely

W. Darwin