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My Dear Father.

Thank you for your letter
which I received this morning.

The Math: Examination for
degrees is just over. As you will
see by the accompanying paper
Cayley is Mr & Simpson 2^d Wrangler
these were very far superior to
the rest. Hopkins told me to day
that Simpson was 1000 marks
ahead of the 3^d Wrangler. & the

getting of 500 marks only. Subtles
 a man to be a Wrangler. The
 1st & 2nd Wranglers are considered
 to be the most superior men, for
 at least many years, that Cambridge
 has produced. The rest of the
 Tripos as usual.

The examination papers this year
 are much easier than usual.

The Glaciarium is composed of
 a mixture of carbonate & sulphate
 of potash which deliquesces in
 thin water of crystallization &
 afterwards hardens. This

Miller told me, who himself
had heard it from Faraday.
I have not seen the Specification.

~~I am~~

I shall be quite dissipated
next week. Monday I

dine with Dr. Lecher & go to
an evening party at Hopkins

Tuesday Bachelor's Ball

Wednesday I go to Newrich &
good bye. ever affectionately

Frank Falton.

J. J. Falton Esq.

Prof Galton
Cambridge
21 Jan 1872



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Wm. Gallai

Wed. 1862

Francis Galton

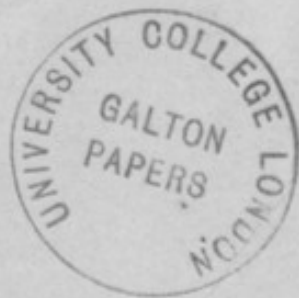
Cambridge

9 March 1842.



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Francis Galton
Cambridge
9 Mar 1842





Trinity Cambridge
March 19th

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James Galton
Cambridge
19 March 1849

My dear Father.

I enclose you the little-go list. I ought to have sent it yesterday but was not in my rooms till after post-time. I have, I consider, had 3 grand escapes in my life time. 1st walking into a Lion's den & coming out undigested, 2nd bathing in a frosty stream at moonlight & not remaining at its bottom in an apoplexy, 3rd going into the little-go ^{when I had} ~~leaving~~ not read over half my subjects & coming out unplucked, not however that the pluck wd be of any consequence. I have ~~however~~ ^{nevertheless} been the gainer by this examination, for calculating the advantage of being in the first class to be estimated at six pence I went to a ^{yesterday} man & bet a shilling that I wd be in the 2nd thus leaving a sixpenny piece to luck, which as you see I have won. I am

much obliged to Bessy for the melancholy news about
Miss H. I was however aware of my misfortune the
same week that the engagement took place, but had not
been informed who Mr Edwards was, there is one thing
that acts as a poultice to my wounded feelings which is that
that ^{small} chimpanzee Mr Savile is not the happy man.
Time has done wonders for me, in soothing &c but, oh Bessy!
Miss D. has done much more, she is without exception the
most beautiful &c &c &c I have ever seen. I was at
a hop at her ~~Mamma's~~ house the other night (I know most
of the families in Cambridge now), I was dancing with
her (the daughter not the Mamma) in a quadrille with
one of my Little-go Examiners for a.o.'s-a.o.'s. To-day,
~~As~~ as the sun was shining beautifully I decked myself
out in resplendent summer apparel, light trousers

light waistcoat, (those that I had last year) to make
 a cell upon this fair creature, but as ~~as~~ I was just
 finishing my toilette I was "throwing a perfume over
 the violet" in the way of rearranging my cravat ties
 the wind blew & the rain fell horribly ^{the streets were one mass of mud,} of course I was
 in despair, but reflecting that if Scander swam the
 Hellspout for Herø, I was on duty bound to wade as
 far as the Fitz William for Miss D; ~~so~~ off I set.

When however I arrived at their door, I wisely reflected
 on the splashed state of my trousers before I knocked
 & ^{then} ~~for~~ retreated crest fallen. To night I hang out,

(otherwise, give a spread), in oysters; yesterday I have
 been all anxiety to get a dish of frogs as an adjunct
 & yesterday I made tremendous efforts to catch some
 with the annexed apparatus,  but quite

unsuccessfully. I could not see one although with another
 man I patrolled every imaginable ditch with ~~my~~ reach,
 I firmly believe St Patrick had got the start of ~~him~~ me
 for Cambridge without frogs is quite an anomaly. Hopkins
 gave up for the term & on Wednesday, before he left
 he called me to him & complimented me ~~on~~ ^{on my} ~~work~~
 mechanics. Wh: has made me quite jolly, I wish ~~though~~
 that I were a better analyst. Barton & Kay are
 going to ~~leave~~ leave his class as their health ~~cannot stand it~~
 I shall certainly stay with him during the long vacation. &
 if the Dons won't let me stay in Cambridge I propose ~~quickly~~
 taking lodgings in Gloucester (1½ mile off) & coming
 over to him every morning. For want of room

Good bye I believe me ever your affectionate son
 (It's vacation time now!) W. S. Galton



PREVIOUS EXAMINATION.

LENT TERM, 1842.

EXAMINERS:

CHARLES HENRY MATURIN, M.A. *King's College.*

JAMES EDWARD DALTON, B.D. *Queens' College.*

CHARLES STYLE DRAKE, M.A. *Jesus College.*

JAMES HEMERY, M.A. *Trinity College.*



The marked men are about 1/4 of those that passed.

FIRST CLASS.

ALLNEY	Corpus.	Crowther	Cath.	Hedley	Trin.	Magnay	Clare.	Smith	Christ's.
Andrews	Joh.	Curtis	Joh.	Hemming	Joh.	Maine	Pemb.	Snowball	Joh.
Badger	Queens'.	Dalyell	Trin.	Henry	Cains.	Marshall	Queens'.	Somerville	Queens'.
Baker	Trin.	Darby	Emman.	Heslop	Trin.	Martineau	Cains.	Staley	Queens'.
Barker	Joh.	Davis	Joh.	Heygate	Trin.	Mason	Joh.	Stallard	Joh.
Barker	Christ's.	Davis	Trin.	Hicks	Down.	Mason	Pemb.	Stedman	Christ's.
Barker	Cains.	Davies, A. G.	Queens'.	Hiley	Joh.	Massey	Cath.	Stephen	Joh.
Barker	Clare.	Day	Trin. H.	Hill	Cains.	Maxwell	Corpus.	Stevenson	Corpus.
Barrett	Joh.	Dean, W. S.	Trin.	Hill	Corpus.	Miles	Magd.	Stewart	Trin.
Barrow	Joh.	Delacour	Pet.	Hillman	Clare.	Monkhouse	Trin.	Stewart	Joh.
Bateson	Trin.	Dikes	Clare.	Hoare	Joh.	Murton	Trin.	Stokes	Trin.
Baumgartner	Cains.	Dixon, T.	Joh.	Hodgson	Pet.	Nash	Trin.	Sutcliffe	Cath.
Bell	Jesus.	Dove	Cains.	Hobson	Trin.	Nicholson	Emman.	Sutcliffe	Magd.
Bennett	Joh.	Dykes	Cains.	Holmes	Trin.	Norman	Corpus.	Sweet	Joh.
Bersford	Joh.	Edwards, L. C.	Trin.	Homfray	Cath.	Nunn	Jesus.	Swindells	Joh.
Bost	Pet.	Ellis	Magd.	Hopfer	Trin.	Oldham	Trin.	Tarr	Sid.
Blaker	Joh.	Evans	Queens'.	Hopkins	Cains.	Oliver	Queens'.	Taylor	Magd.
Blathwayt	Corpus.	Evans	Cains.	Hotham	Trin.	O'Reilly	Joh.	Thomas	Trin.
Bedley	Queens'.	Faulkner	Trin.	Hotham	Jesus.	Parr	Joh.	Thomas	Queens'.
Booker	Magd.	Field, J. W.	Joh.	Houghton	Cains.	Pateron	Trin.	Thompson	Cath.
Bowring	Trin.	Field, T.	Joh.	Hosman	Joh.	Patey	Cath.	Thompson	Queens'.
Bray	Queens'.	Firminger	Pemb.	Hughes	Trin.	Pearcocke	Trin.	Trevelyan	Cains.
Broadmead	Trin.	Fisher	Emman.	Ingleby	Joh.	Pinder	Trin.	Tritton	Joh.
Bromby	Sid.	Forbes	Queens'.	Inman	Queens'.	Platt	Trin.	Tryon	Clare.
Fromhead	Cains.	Ford	Trin.	Jerny	Trin.	Procter	Queens'.	Underwood	Joh.
Brooke	Cains.	Formby	Cath.	Jervis	Pet.	Purchas	Christ's.	Waddingham	Joh.
Bromell	Joh.	Fowler	Joh.	James	Trin.	Purchas	Corpus.	Walker	Trin.
Buck	Christ's.	Frampton	Clare.	James	Jesus.	Pyper	Cath.	Wall	Joh.
Budd	Pemb.	French	Emman.	Keary	Trin.	Randolph	Jesus.	Wallis	Trin.
Burchell	Corpus.	Frost	Pemb.	Kewley	Magd.	Raven	Cains.	Warren	Trin.
Burton	Joh.	Gascoigne	Cath.	Kilpuck	Corpus.	Reade	Cath.	Watson, J.	Cains.
X Buxton	Trin.	Geldart	Clare.	King	Trin.	Richards	Trin.	Watson, T.	Cains.
Byers	Christ's.	Girdlestone	Christ's.	King	Christ's.	Richardson	Clare.	X Watson, W. G.	Cains.
Byers	Pet.	Gisborne	Pet.	Kingdon	Trin.	Rigg	Pemb.	Westmore	Queens'.
Chamberlain	Corpus.	Goodman	Christ's.	Kirby	Joh.	Robertson	Cains.	Weston	Christ's.
Chamney	Pet.	Gorham	Joh.	X Kite	Pet.	Rodgers	Trin. H.	Westropp	Cains.
Chandless	Trin.	Graham	Trin.	Knapp	Sid.	Rogers	Trin.	White	Queens'.
Charlesworth	Trin.	Gray	Joh.	Knott	Christ's.	Rowley	Corpus.	White	Pet.
Chawner	Joh.	Green	Corpus.	Lathbury	Jesus.	Rushton	Jesus.	Whittaker	Joh.
Child	Magd.	GreenSmith	Joh.	Leader	Corpus.	Russell	Trin.	Whyte	Down.
Chisholm	Joh.	Greenwood	Pet.	Leading	Joh.	Sabine	Jesus.	Wilkinson	Pet.
Chorley	Cains.	Gregory	Pet.	Levett	Cath.	Sabonadiere	Trin.	X Wilkinson	Joh.
Churton	Cath.	Gutch	Sid.	Lighton	Joh.	Sandford	Clare.	Williams	Trin.
Clark	Trin.	Hall, J. E.	Trin.	Linthwaite	Jesus.	Sells	Clare.	Wilson	Queens'.
Clark, J.	Corpus.	Hall	Joh.	Lister	Cath.	Seymour	Trin.	Wilson	Joh.
Clark, G. N.	Corpus.	Hamilton	Trin.	Lloyd	Christ's.	Shakespeare	Trin.	Wing	Queens'.
Clarke, W. H.	Queens'.	Hardwick	Cath.	Loftus	Cains.	Sharp, W.	Trin.	X Woodhouse	Cains.
Cole	Joh.	Harris	Trin.	Lower	Pet.	Sharples	Queens'.	Woolley	Pet.
Cooper, G. H.	Trin.	Harrison	Corpus.	Lugg	Clare.	Simecockes	Trin.	Wratlaw	Trin.
Cooper, J.	Trin.	Hawkins	Magd.	Lynes	Christ's.	Smith	Trin.	Yates	Pemb.
Crawley	Joh.	Hayward	Trin.	Lyon	Trin.	Smith	Joh.		

SECOND CLASS.

Alexander	Trin.	Fenstone	Joh.	Idle	Clare.	Mould	Trin.	Swann	Trin.
Allstree	Joh.	Fellowes	Joh.	X Kay, J.	Trin.	Nicholson	Pet.	Tatham	Joh.
Andrews	Emman.	Fenn	Trin.	Kendall	Cains.	Nuttall	Queens'.	Thompson	Pemb.
Banks	Cath.	Fife	Trin.	Kent	Corpus.	Oliver	Trin.	Tompkins	Joh.
Bore	Emman.	Freeman	Joh.	Kingdon	Sid.	Parkinson	Corpus.	Tonkin	Corpus.
Beresford	Pet.	Frewer	Joh.	Law, G.	Joh.	Pickering	Pemb.	Trowcke	Jesus.
Blake	Trin.	X Galton	Trin. H.	Lawson	Joh.	Pollexfen	Queens'.	Turner	Sid.
Bridges	Down.	Graver	Trin.	Lloyd	Trin.	Porter	Corpus.	Walker	Cath.
Brocklebank	Queens'.	Green	Trin.	Mann	Cath.	Prichard	Pet.	Walker	Joh.
Brown	Trin.	Harvey	Corpus.	Margison	Joh.	Priestley	Trin.	Walton	Christ's.
Campbell	Trin.	Heale	Corpus.	Marshall	Magd.	Pritt	Trin.	X Walton	Pet.
Clarke	Trin.	Hendy	Joh.	Mellor	Joh.	Rudd	Trin.	Wellson	Queens'.
Clifford	Trin.	Hilton	Cains.	Milligan	Cath.	Skipwith	Trin.	Wheeler	Jesus.
Davies, W.	Queens'.	Hinde	Joh.	Morse	Trin.	Snow	Trin.	Willoughby	Trin.
De Crespigny	Magd.	Holmes	Corpus.	Moseley	Christ's.	Staines	Trin. H.	Wren	Joh.
Dennis	Pemb.	Hurt	Joh.	Mould	Clare.	Suckling	Cains.	Wright	Joh.

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Those marked with X are Hopkins' pupils. - not of the same class

Francis Galles
Cambridge
Sent Penn 1842
- Little-go -

James Galton
Cambridge

22 Mar 1842

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Friday. Tuesday



My dear Father.

On thinking over about the approaching
Scholarship Examination. I so plainly see that I have
no chance whatever of getting one this year that I
really think it quite useless ~~to attempt~~ to compete. The
~~more~~ more going into an examination for a few days
is a thing of no great labour, but I am ^{of course} anxious that
if examined I should do the mathematical part as
well as I am qualified ~~to~~ & not ~~find~~ place myself
below my level for want of preparation as w^d be the
case with me now. I have at present read 14
different Mathematical subjects, now to get ^{up} all

these are sufficiently well to undergo a good examination
in them, we necessarily require very considerable
application which will be ^{far} ~~more~~ better bestowed on the
Subject (Mechanics), that I have now in hand, inasmuch
as the fact of having them now well prepared would in
no way assist me in ~~any~~ ^{future} examination ~~(which)~~.
~~I might have been a great deal more fortunate~~ after
a year's interval ~~and~~ for instance, I spoke to Hopkins
about it a fortnight ago, he strongly recommended
~~me~~ ^{me} not to put myself out of the way, for
~~the examination~~ ^{that} I be inclined to go in for
it: I find that it is impossible to get up my
subjects without doing so & therefore think it
preferable ^{not} to go in at all. ~~Myself~~ I wd
however have hopefully tried my best, but my

head is already rather bad from having overworked myself in attempting to get up these subjects, as well as doing what Hopkins has set us for this vacation so that I fear that in the short time that I am left I could do but very little.

There is one other reason remaining namely that I should not know my standing in Math's in the college from the result of this examination any better than I do now as ~~all~~ those with whom I have to compete read with Hopkins (viz. Walker, Hatham & Bowring) - {^{& Edward} Roy D. Baxton having been obliged to leave off}

I should therefore much prefer not to go in at all, subject however of course to your wishes. I can easily set off on the plea of ill health

which will be in a considerable degree a true
 one, I can leave Cambridge for 5 or 6 days
 during the time of the Examination.

Should ^{you} ~~not~~ agree with ^{me} ~~my ideas~~ will you let
 me know your Plans, ~~that~~ for certain, that
 I may make mine accordingly.

I have no news to tell you at present.

So I remain Your affectionate Son

Fr. Gallie.



The subjects I have read are

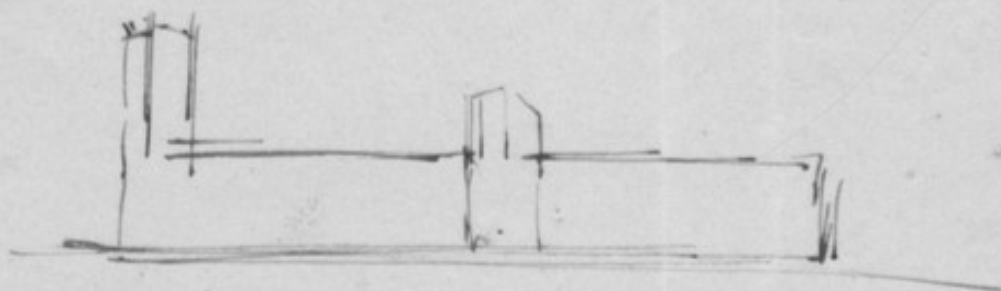
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2	--- Part II	9	Differential Calculus
3	Euclid	10	Integral Calculus
4	Trigonometry. Plane	13	Differential Equations
5	--- Spherical	12	Statics
6	Conic Sections	15	Dynamics. (not finished)
7	Theory of Equations	14	Geometry of 3 Dimensions

Trinity Cambridge
 March 8th 1842



My dear Father

I returned from a jolly
 Expedition to Ry this morning — I
 send you a copy of a rough sketch wh
 I made of part of the Cathedral
 When you stand opposite its side
 it looks very ungainly the body
 being so long, something like this



The inside is nothing particular
The only part that struck me as pretty
is the subject of the inclosed sketch
which is highly worked (^{Norman}~~Norman~~ pillars).

I don't think that I shall leave Cambridge
again. this Vacation —

Your affectionate son

Ed. Gallie

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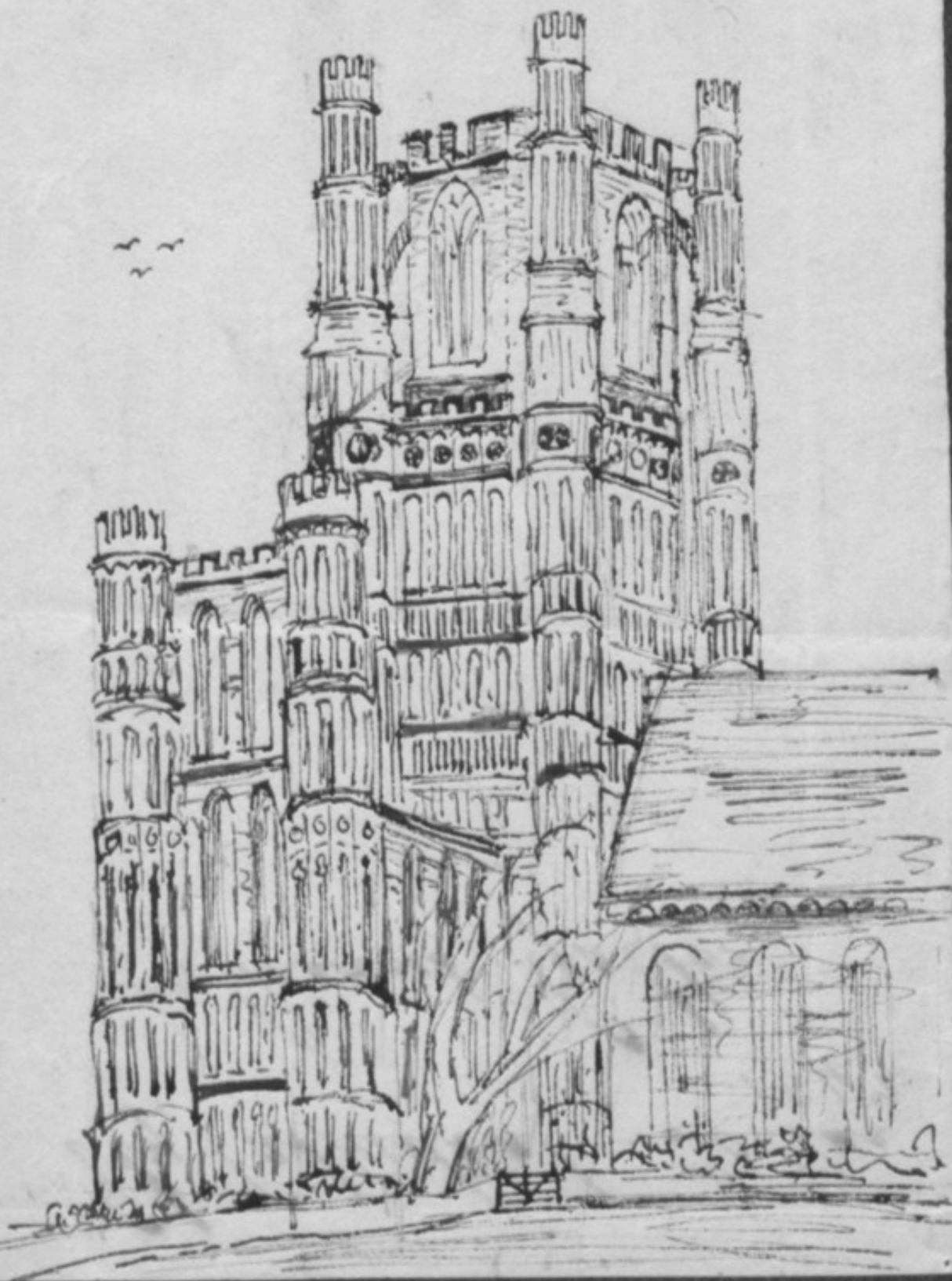
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with sketch of
Ely Cathedral

Sly Cathedral Fra Gallia
March 30th 1862

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Ely Cathedral - 30 Mar
1842
by Francis Galton



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Terrace House
Battersea

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Francis Galton.

My dear Father

5 June 1872

I have enjoyed myself no end, ~~got through~~ nearly
all that I had to do. I start for Hendon in an hour of the
morning leaving Leamington nothing particular occurred except
one of the horses tumbling down of a fence with a gig.
I however read in a newspaper which the coachman had
in his pocket the refreshing intelligence that St Backland
considered Box hill Tunnel as well as all the other
tunnels in the line to be in a highly dangerous state
of that some fearful accident would speedily occur
unless great repairs were made. Thus relieved I
left Wreodon I thanked my stars each successive
tunnel that I hoped that St Backland was not
infallible. — By the way I asked an escort,

for at Blisworth a girl about 16 very ~~clever~~ ^{evidently of good family} ~~clever~~
 naive, was put in by the rector of Blisworth,
 she was very communicative & said she was going
 up to London for one night. To some ball & supper-
 of intended taking her friends by surprise. so
 I offered my services to look after her luggage
 & grab at Wolverton which were readily accepted
 & really, I think, made myself useful.
 When in London I went & dined with Partridge
 saw the Misonicium which struck me as
 falsely articulated in order to make it appear
 larger than it was - The shoulder-blade is
 much out of place 
 { A the shoulder-blade
 B the first-ribs

 And on mentioning it to
 Partridge he said that
 he thought so too & that Professor Owen had given

It also is his opinion. That the Exhibitors have
increased the animal's height fictitiously by
nearly 3 feet.

To the Evening I went
to the German Opera. Robert le Diable. I

did not like the dresses or the acting though the
singing was splendid. — The amorous Duke of

Normandy was represented by a man of uncommon
width of his face looks very much like Welch
the farmer. The heroine was the perfect image
of Baswell cut ~~down~~ off at the knees.

Well the amorous Duke, from his personal qualifications
I suppose, fails to make any impression on the
Lady so by the aid of a magician, the Devil in
disguise he obtains a talismanic bough
which he shakes ~~for~~ before the Lady's eyes
she first looks disgusted to a degree, but the

from gradually relaxed and a smile appears
which waxes sweeter & sweeter till at last
quite overcome the rushes to him, fall flop
into the old porpoise's waistcoat - with such
force as to make his flesh quiver - like blanc-

I arrived at the Kay's last night - ^{many} ~~lady~~ ^{two} ~~children~~ ^{children} called after I came, that ^{girl} ~~is~~ ^{is} a beautiful little creature. Mr Davenport
Jill's Hart also called they had just ^{seen} ~~lost~~ ^{lost} ~~Howard~~ ^{Howard}. - Mr Bellis, Kay are very
nice persons exceedingly kind & full of
leading school. - Owing to their brother energy
of their own in these matters they have got into
very high circles. I talk less about them than
any persons similarly circumstanced that I
have ever seen they are most goodnatured.

I have no more room. Love to Mabel & an anathema
to her headache Yours affect son Wm. Gallie.

f 15r
Aberfeldy June 19th 1861



My dear Father.

My proceedings have gone on splendidly but the voyage from London to Dundee was all that could be horrible, instead of taking 36 we were 50 hours, & swell of a most abominable description inclined slightly to our course so that the rolling was dreadful. Everybody ~~sick~~ (16 in all, 30 was the usual number) was wretchedly sick. I as usual dreadfully so. — Otherwise we had a jolly voyage. ~~at~~ most of our party on board of the two tutors. Cayley is unanimously voted a brick of a most gentlemanly-minded man. Some of the passengers too had been much life. One was a

traveller in the interior of Africa, shot Elephants
 Lion de R- - - - - Dundee is nothing particular
 the houses are stone & there is a tower  built by
 the Knight Templars in commemoration
 of a shipwreck of ~~one~~ ^{part of} their order, a pretty tale
 about it, which I must tell Maria some day. -

Perth beautiful to a degree, & the lady inhabitant.
 Dunkeld ugly town but beautiful ruins. I
 will get Mr Phillips' pine cones as soon as I go
 to Blair Athol. for which place I had not then time.

Thence we arrived at Aberfeldy - It is not nearly
 so pretty a place as we had expected, the walks not
 being various. The falls of Moness are beautiful
 & there Sir Alex Menzies is a most hospitable
 person, but I have not yet sent my letter

of introduction. To hurry

Yours + affectionate son

F. T. Gallon.

What are my Mother's Seneca plans, but
of course she will go. How is your collection.

My address is

F. T. Gallon.
Aberfeldy
Perthshire
Scotland



Francis Galton
Abbeyside
19 June 1842.



Aberfeldie
Monday



My dear Father.

We are enjoying ourselves very much at Aberfeldie, there is unfortunately much monotony in the walks, as the village is situated on the side of a broad strath through which runs the Tay, & itself formed by high barren moorlands.

We have just witnessed a true Highland wedding. I absolutely danced with only 1½ hours altogether intervening from 9 in the afternoon till 4 the next-morning.

I myself was pretty considerably knocked up, but several of the villagers did not go to bed at all. I really did not seem much the worse for it the next-day; The Scotch reels are great fun, for after every one is ready & before the reel is played, a particular

Squeak is given on the fiddle & every one kisses his partner. & if they are obsequious there is a fine chase & scramble. — We are really very much liked at Aberfeldie, and have been hurraed more than once as we walked up the town. — When we were invited to the wedding we each subscribed 2 shillings. & so bought the bride ~~and~~ a very good looking tea-tray. 2 jolly brass candlesticks & snuffers, which overwhelmed the Lady. The Scotch air has done wonders for my general health but my head scarcely improves. I have been able to do but little reading since I have been here & altogether am very low about myself. —

How I am quite glad about Emma's intended course in this direction but I wish much that you wd follow her. — Would you ^{ask} my Mother to say to Mr Phillips that the picnic will not do till after yet, ~~but~~ & also

to say that there are older larches at Castle Menzies than at Blair Athol, but those at the latter place were brought from abroad. So I will send some cones from both places just before I leave when they will be in ~~the best~~ a better gathering condition.

By the way tell Jimmy that if that Claesdon Yellow Rose is called "Menziana" it was first reared at Castle Menzies.

Lady Menzies has been most kind to me & other neighbouring residents have been exceedingly hospitable to the party. Will Betsy thank Mr. Cameron for the note of introduction when next she sees her.

Goodbye your affectionate son
Wm. Ballou.



Fr^s. Galton
1 May 1842.

Whitfeldy





Edinburgh f. 19r
McLachlan Hotel

My dear Father.

Left Aberfeldy very
early yesterday morning
with Eben Lay I went thro'
Grief and Striding to Edinburgh
Really quite sorry to part
with the Highlanders. We left
in high feather. knowing
every ~~person~~ family well
in the Strath some of them

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intimately. and altogether
have I really think left a
very good name for Cambridge.
Our ball went off superbly.
I wrote a description of it to
Emma who has possibly
forwarded it on to you. We
went to the Queen's reception
at Jaymouth. Mayor Galt &
Menzies took ^{me} with them in
their carriage - The Highlanders
looked very well - drawn
up in files round a large

quadrangle: in 4 bodies
dressed in the Campbell
of Henries dress of hunting
fortans respectively. The
Queen of Prince Albert looked
most gracious, but were
not cheered half enough
I am sure we Cantabs did
all we could, but every
body else did nothing but
suffer with astonishment
The evening illumination
were most-perfect. Every

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thing in such perfect taste

The park railings were
festooned round with lamps
of the lower branches of all
the trees in front were
hung with them of all colours
then last really looked
like the trees bearing the
jewels in the case in
Aladdin of the wonderful
lamp. Besides there
two buildings on the opposite

Keight had their galleries
studded with lamps.

I saw Mr. Dalrymple in a
splendid highland dress among
the lookers on. He did not
recognize me, and as I scarcely
knew him I did not address
him. We "hung out" fire-
works the other night. I had
several persons to come & see
them. They went off very
well. We subscribed 10 shilling
each & got about 30 rockets

a dozen or a half Roman
Candles many wheels
&c &c...

I will write to you again
from Inch Dairnie (where
Arthur of Trinity lives)
he had ^{written to} ~~just asked~~ me to
stay as long as I possibly
can & I am thinking of
stending a few days there
it is near Kirkaldy to
which place there are

Steamer every 2 hours
from Edinburgh.

Good bye.

Your affectionate son
Francis Galton.



Francis Galton
Edinburgh

14 Sept 1842



Mottaer. fu the Galton Crest.

(1) Lag not. (Anagram on Galton)

Caelum ipsum petimus. (Hor: Ode 3)
BI

Candidiora insequor.

Montemui ferar pennâ (Hor. Ode 20.)
BII

Non in terris morabor longius

(2) Spernit humum ^(pennâ) Hor BIII. Ode 2.

I certainly prefer either (A. or B)

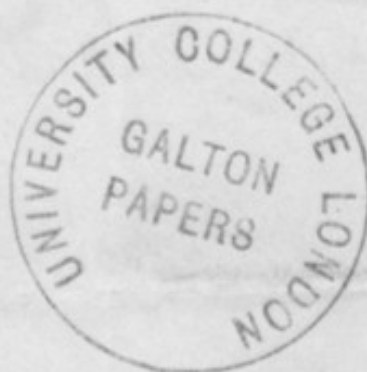
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Francis Galton

Nov 1842

Mattress for
Cush



Trin. Coll.
Nov^r 2nd 1842.



My dear Father.

I forgot in my last note to go into proper rapture about Stally he really is a wonderful man. I had no idea that it was in ^{human} power to make such extraordinary improvements in my personal attire as the combined geniuses of Stally & Gobby have effected. consultations of course had to be frequent during the course of the Friday & Saturday that I was in town but I at length emerged from my chrysalis crust of Cartwright & James' manufacture to the butterfly adornments of Mess^{rs} Stally. My head is very uncertain so that I can scarcely read at all. however I find that I am not ^{all} solitary in that respect. Of the year above me the first 3 men in their college examinations are all going out in the poll the first 2 from bad health & the third, Boulton, from finding that he could not ~~be~~ continue reading as he used to do without risking it. Towell Barton is quite knocked up & goes out in the poll so does Bird. ^{one of the} ~~the~~ first classics in our year, in fact the whole of Trinity seems quite crank. Two other men Hotham & Edmonds who read with Hopkins and at the same time very superior classics (Hotham was Newcastle scholar at Eton which is the highest ^{classical} honor they can get there) have both given up classics finding them

two subjects are too much for them. It is quite melancholy too to see the ~~big~~ men who stood high in their college but did not get ~~full~~ scholarships ~~that~~ year ⁱⁿ May they seem most of them quite broken spirited. One man Stoker who was considered sure of being Senior Classic of his year who used to be the merriest fellow going, ~~now~~ ~~but~~ lost his ~~full~~ scholarship from not doing his Mathematics, scarcely ever perpetrates a laugh, ^{to} ~~also~~ with the other men. Johnson ^{also} (Adelle knows Mr Johnson) is quite cut up - Joe Kay has left from illness produced by reading ^{feel more convinced every day that} I won't come back till next term. If there is any thing more to be repressed than another it is certainly ~~that~~ system of competition for the satisfaction enjoyed by the gainers is very far from counterbalancing the pain it produces among the others.

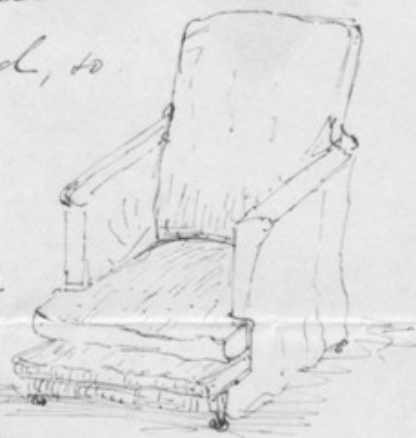
I have not after all entered a boat club but patronise hockey and made my first debut yesterday at it.

Montague Boulton is a very nice fellow & uncommonly sharp. I do not know what his chance is considered to be in Honors.

Charley Buxton's & my debating club gets on famously, we have just enrolled Hallam. (^{only surviving} the youngest son of "Middle Ages") among our members & shout away most learnedly once a week on subjects ~~in~~ in the Ethical line. There are 9 of us altogether & I shall be president next week & shall array myself in stiltz for the occasion. We keep it very secret and meet alternately in each others rooms in rotation under the pretext of a wine party; then the man who gives the spread is president & at $\frac{1}{2}$ before 5

shuts his door and the debate begins. ~~And~~ the president of the meeting has to propose a subject, & open the debate on it in the meeting a week after

Mr Hodgson sent me my certificate for degrading the day before yesterday. I will let you know of how the proceedings about it progress in my next letter. I have invested in such a jolly second hand arm chair. I really believe it is the most comfortable in Cambridge it cost £3. 10. - the seat is only about 10 inches from the ground, so it is thoroughly luxurious.



How is Capt Bowater. wedded or single. By the way one can imagine the following scene.

Scene. Interior of a church. marriage procession bridesmaids &c. Rather an elderly bride & bridegroom.

Priest. Will thou have this man to be thy wedded husband. -
~~the~~ Bride. Not a doubt about it.

How are the various family ailments? Does Walter find barnooks ~~left~~ lie very lightly on the stomach? Thank you for taking care of the papers there were some books also that I left. Guizot's Civilization &c. & there are some at Clarendon. Now if Walter had such a redundancy of preserves & ^{from the garden} farns that she was really obliged to manage with them as she used to with the cats of old, viz: give sixpence to whomever wd take them, then the strength of my filial affection wd rejoice at the opportunity of being useful and of taking 2 or 3 pots out of her

way. And should all this be the case it would be worth while to ~~con-~~
~~put~~ ^{with the books} them ~~in~~ in a box and send them at once to Cambridge. where they
 would be severally eaten & read.

I am learning singing after the Hullah fashion. but alas
 notwithstanding maternal proppies ^{I find} the Galton ear is as slightly
 developed inside my skull as it is largely on the outside, and
 although I keep up the credit of the family failing yet I am afraid
 I shall not ^{at the same time} qualify for the professorship of Music.

I read with no tutor at all at present. as I question the ~~advantage~~
 of doing so. but shall attend the university lectures of Mechanics
 by Willis. which begin on the 10th.

Theodore is reading hard for his degree which comes off in about
 10 weeks.—

Good bye & believe me your affectionate son
 Wm. Galton.



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James Galton
 Cambridge
 2 Nov 1842.



After Nov. 25
K.P.

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My dear Father

Thank you much for yours
and for Bessy's letter which I received
yesterday. I am quite ashamed at
not having written sooner but my
head generally is not as well as might
be at the orthodox letter writing time
namely about 7 p.m. I find myself
quite unable to do any thing in ready
for by really ^{deep} ~~serious~~ attention ^{to them} ~~to them~~.
I can bring on my usual diggings
or almost immediately though

~~ordinarily~~ generally I feel much better than I used to do. — Palpitation of the heart have lately come on when I read ~~any~~ more than I ought to do which I am rather glad of than otherwise, as it saves my head.

What annoys me ~~to much~~ ^{most} is that my power of reading vary so much on consecutive days, at one time being able to read some hours, at another not half one. And the dizziness &c when it does come on comes on so rapidly, that I have no prewarning symptom to tell me when to stop. Except occasional

the palpitation. — I have been
rather diffuse à la Lamington
about my health so by way of
change do thank Him particularly
In the cake, I tell her that if
the ~~rapidity~~ quickness of its disappearance
be any sign of its excellence, that
it decidedly must rank among the
very best that culinary science has
produced. — It was capital &
at least 20 individual concurred
in that remark —

Riddle — Why is the ball at the
top of St. Paul's like the being Cook
to her Majesty?

Answer — Because it's a high
 {cooling airy} situation. Did
 I send you the answer to the Archbishop's
 riddle? I had one but do not know
 if it was right, it was very ingenious and
 I made it out to be a Tapir or
 taper. — ~~The~~ Kings of the earth
 kneeling in the ground they had
 trod, it made out to be the
 Mexican & Peruvian princes
 hunting the tapir following his
 trail and kneeling to take aim.
 The weight & length wd apply to
 those tapers that are rolled up
 like string.



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Trin Coll.
Saturday

My dear Father

Thank you very much for
your & Helen's kind letters. I am
very much obliged to you for letting
me invite her & Arthur. I have
asked them but they, though most
happy, cannot for 3 or 4 days ~~decide~~
~~fix~~ when they can come, it cannot
be earlier than the 11th. I probably
not for 2 or 5 days later. I will
however write to you this morning.
I can arrange with them Arthur

is slow to a degree in society though he
can come out. May the very contrary
of would enjoy Leamington gaiety.
I am writing at a small wine party
in Lady's rooms that is very stupid
to dare not write his name
large as it would be visible. Now
who is lying on the sofa near
me is kicking me in the ribs to
make myself agreeable. So good
bye Yours affectionately Son
Wm. Hallor.

The mottoe "lag not" was suggested by
 Eben Kay. — it w^d be applicable supposing
 the Sagle to be hesitating whether to
 discontinue his exertions ^{or not} having succeeded
 in obtaining the life. then comes the
 word "lag not" ~~that~~

It might be altered to "lag not, go on"
 or "up, lag not."

Prof. Galton
Cambridge

3 Dec^r 1842.



Francis Galton

Sunday.

f. 1r

17 Feb 1843



My dear Father

Thank you very much for all
three of your letters, which were certainly
very amusing. All my time has lately
been taken up by canvassing and afterwards
by a most unfortunate collision ~~with one~~
~~of my friends~~ between two of my friends
whilst one of which I was much interested
in some degree involved. Peacocke
H. Crawford are the two men. The first
you have heard me mention before. The
last is a son I believe of Sir Thos Crawford
and was a fellow Commissioner. Peacocke is
a man whose whole object was to make

a very extended acquaintance - in which
 he certainly succeeded, but at the same
 time was very unpopular. from being
 a pushing sort of man, and often mixed
 and a very noisy arguer at the Unions
 in quarrels. He was a great friend of
 Theodor's at one time who afterwards was
 rather offended at him. - To proceed.

On Monday night the candidates for the
 Union officers were proposed Peacocke proposed
 me & Crawford seconded. - in some private
 business that followed Peacocke made a
 great disturbance - calling out - groaning &c
 &c. in which he urged on 4 or 5 Magdalen
 men to support him. I on meeting him
 that evening assured him that had I been
 president I should have fined or expelled
 him but he seemed to look upon the
 whole matter as a joke - and assured

me that with a 5 supporters he
would break the Union Lamps and
upset every thing like order. The reason
of his ~~anger~~ ^{anger} was that a different
man was elected president to the
one that he supported. — The next
day he apologized for the disturbance
he had made — When that very evening
Mr. Gibbs the new president taking
the chair he was so shamefully
uproarious that nothing could go on.
At one time I saw him cry out
I groan for the president which
he & his men gave. I then went
to the President & requested him to
censure or expel him, for the whole
Union was in an uproar — The

president shortly after seeing one of his
supporters Childs crying out fined him
a sovereign. Peacocke rushed across the
room crying out "infamous" and was
neither fined nor expelled as ~~that~~ he
ought to have been. I then spoke to
some other members of the Historical
about his immediate expulsion out
of that ^{society} in which they cordially agreed
but we determined to talk it over
the next day Wednesday. On
Wednesday morning I met Peacocke
who told me that he was highly
vexed at his conduct the night
before - When by all that is thought
that very night at a lecture which
was given in the Union by Mr. Thorpe

The tutor of Trinity kindly took
the chair (he had been when an
undergraduate a participant). Pearce
was more uproarious than ever - urging
on several Magdalene men - who
stood behind the front benches
and kept up continually stamping
so that nothing could go on. Thorp
threatened twice to leave the chair
and was going to do so. When Pearce
jumped up and rushed into the
midst of them confronted Pearce
and told him that his conduct
was disgraceful and blackguardly
as it had been the night before. He
then turned round and said his obser-

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bations applied to all who had assisted
in the row. When turned, Crawford
felt a push on the shoulder of which
he took no heed but turning again
repeated his observations to Peacocks.

He then spoke to all the men who
had left their seats (about 200) who
were crowding round, and said in
it your wish these men should be
turned out. they all cried turn
them out - turn them out. One
of Chair Chair recalled the men to
their places. J. Peacocks & his
associates immediately left the
room. — I immediately drew
up a requisition to Peacocks to leave
the Historical which was signed

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by all who saw it about 17.

And then began to take steps for
expelling him the Union— When
going to Crawford's room I found
him half mad hearing that Peacock
had spread a report ~~in the Union~~
that he had struck Crawford in
the Union who was too cowardly
to return it. Crawford then put
a horse whip in his pocket and
went every where in search of
Peacock. but could not find him.

Late in the evening he returned
to his ^{with two friends} rooms where he found
Peacock with Childs & Hughes & Magd.
who said I have heard that you

have been looking for me all day, here
I am. Crawford said he wished to speak
with him by himself. On his demurring,
he gave his word that he ~~need~~ need ~~be~~
under no bodily fear. So they went
down into the doisters. On arriving
there Crawford asked him if it were
true that he had spread the above
report. Peacocks replied that he
had struck him in the Union.
Crawford drew out his horsewhip
and held it over him and said
consider yourself horsewhipped.
Peacocks said you have not
struck me. Crawford dropped
the whip on his shoulders,
Peacocks drew out a life-preserver

and struck Crawford seriously
over the temples which quite
confused him. he however stood
in when (Hilde) Haples actually
perceived Crawford & whilst
Crawford's two friends were trying
to tear them off Peacocke deliberately
hit Crawford several times
on the head. — Peacocke turned
away & said I have witnessed
that you first struck me.

He since avowed that the whole
affair was prearranged. All present
friends were of course ~~blameless~~^{blameless}
and. It ~~first~~ was beneath his

dignity to challenge him - To
think over all the different plans
that were proposed & laid aside
it has ended in laying the matter
before the College Authorities who
have rusticated Peacocke "tine die"
which is the same as expelling him.
For they take his name off the board
& they have not allowed Cracoppe
to reside this term which is almost
a nominal punishment as
he is bachelor Scholar. and in
no way to be injured by such sentence
I need not add that Peacocke is
universally cut and I understand

that he has threatened being revenged
on me.

Crawford was a good deal hurt.
A large committee ^{of which I am one} of men, are always
~~meeting~~ together either at
Crawford or some other's rooms.

He breakfasts with me to-morrow
before going down. The whole
of Trinity will probably see him
off. The motion for ^{Repeal} ~~his~~ expulsion
comes on to-morrow evening.

Deuman son of Lord Deuman. The Union
Classic takes the chair.

A Printed Statement ~~that~~ will be
published as soon as the Magdalen

Now have been furnished & I
will send you one. f. 6v

The tests for arsenic are very easily
applied and quite cheaply but
the L^o pump is I believe the
Chemists fee.

Yours affectionately
Wm. Galt

I fear the shortness of the above
statement will not give you
a very clear notion of the way
matters stand.



f. 7c
Saturday Even

My dear Father.

I should most strongly support Baker if I were possessed of a vote at the Hospital as I am convinced that he is a person of more than common abilities - for besides the facts that his diagnoses have always been exceedingly correct there are many other reasons why I feel confirmed in the above opinion. For example in ^{most} hospitals the house-Surgeon is ~~generally~~ looked down upon and snubbed by the other ^{medical} officers, is looked upon as an intruder in their consultations & bears but little

weight along with his opinions, but the
 reverse was the case with Baker he
 was always asked for his advice not only in
 regular consultation but even in
 ordinary cases of slight difficulty. In every
 visit that I have made to the hospital
 I have been struck by seeing how
 completely he is the manager there.
 Nothing seems done without his advice.
 Even Hodgson has given way to him
 in many instances. ~~Dr. Thomas~~ I indeed
 promised to support him in case
 of an election — Baker has lately
 given clinical lectures. I have avowed
 his determination of using every means
 in his power to have regular ones

instituted - Their advantage
fully acknowledged surely then if
he were ~~selected~~ surgeon ~~that~~ their
present deficiency wd be most effectually
remedied. He is also a man who
has been all his life in the hospital
& who would, I do not doubt, have a
strong interest in its welfare.

Lastly he is at present in his practice
and wd therefore better himself
all the more vigorously - The
only objection to him that I have
ever heard is that his manners are
not gentlemanly, I admit he is
somewhat touchy, but he is
warty less so than when I was

a pupil at the hospital. and even
then he was the greatest imaginable
favorite with the patients who are
not nice discriminators of manners.

Amphlett ~~has~~ has by no means
a high reputation as a practitioner
though I understand he is a very
gentlemanly person.



Compton Elington & Entwistle
are I believe about equal in their
attainments & superior to Amphlett.
But I should most strongly recom-
mend you to vote for Baker.

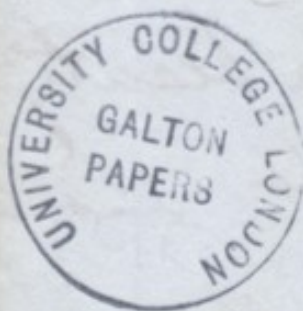
I saw something about Hodgson
now in the paper. but the case there

appeared to be that he had
acknowledged that it was he
who had ~~been~~ informed Redman
and when accused of it he too
he apologized much in the same
way that Redman had done. It
seemed very strange. but I could not
quite make it out.

Matthew Boulton has gone down
he gave me a beautiful engraving
before he left and asked me to
stay with him a few days in
the Easter vacation which I
accepted conditionally. I should

Much like to go. I am quite
 sorry that he has left, for we became
 great friends, he has quite altered
 all his thymself is gone and he
 looked the very perfection of a
 head of a family.

Your affectionate son
Frank Galton.



11 Mar 1843
 Frank Galton



Fa! Galton

f. 10r.

Mar 1843

My dear Father

Thank you very much for the
vote you have kindly given to
Baker, which I feel the greatest
confidence not to be misplaced. He ^{has}
written two letters to me the first
of which arrived the same evening
that I received your last asking me
to do anything that I could ~~for him~~
and a second since expressing ~~through~~
his gratitude for the kind way in
which you had written to him,

but at the same time quite despairing
 of success on this occasion. but very
 anxious about the next vacancy
 which ^{he says} is rumoured as likely to take
 place shortly (Vaux I suppose)

He says his great object ever since
 he chose the profession has been
 to become Surgeon at the Hospital
 and this wish has led him to exert
 himself far more than ^{was} ~~has been~~
 required from him in which fact
 I can most strongly add my testimony.
 And under the present system of

Electing Officers his chance is
 obviously much diminished since the
 great majority of voters have but
 the little power of judging of relative
 qualifications and accordingly
 give their vote and interest to their
 personal friends. Men therefore
 like Crompton & Amphlett who have
 been ^{generally} in practice & making acquaintances
 for some years must have a far
 superior chance over ~~the~~ another
 who has spent an equal length
 of time standing in the retirement

of an Hospital.



I cannot tell you how much
obliged I should feel to you if
you could in any way get him
voted at least for the next election
^{in doing} in which I should think you would
be quite justified from Hodgson's
strong testimony to his character
and the weight of his testimonials.

Do you think it possible that
the ^{of election} law might be altered so that
it would lie in the hands of the
most proper person the medical
officer? Please let me know your
opinion. Your affectionate son Wm. Galton



Trin. Coll.

f. 12r

My dear Father

I am having the greatest ~~fun~~
imaginable in getting up an
"English Epigram Society" which is
to meet 3 times a term the members
^{are to} read in their epigrams anonymously
and they are ^{to be} read by some one chosen
by lot. The subject is ^{to be} chosen out
of those proposed by a majority
I have got the first ~~man~~ in the
University, among the rising men,
to join it two young fellows of
Trinity & bachelors & so I

expect
that some of the Epigrams will be
first rate ~~as that to the~~

f. 12v

The Society consists of 12. All the
Men I have spoken to have jumped
at the idea and I have great hopes
of its working exceedingly well.

I think I shall be able to come
down this week when I would
coach it to Hatton & then walk on.

I send you a poem I ~~have~~ have just
sent it for the Camden ^{Medley} I fear
it will not interest you much
as it is all relative to the present
great controversy as to whether
Man has ~~an~~ conscience (in nature I
mean) or not. Paley & Locke

Many Greek Philosophers

f. 13r

Plato

as you know against it

Bishop

Butler & some German Metaphysicians

& Whewell on the other side

Stewart seems to be for it but does not give a decided opinion one way or the other.

The mottoes I have chosen explain the point of the whole I take the paraphrase off the one from Plato to be "they have ever in their soul a specimen of the divine nature lasting and bright as silver or gold"

I was obliged to print it before sending it in

I leave it to the honor of the Family that it be not

shown to any besides themselves
 I mean my Father & Mother
 Missy Adèle Emma. nor
 in any way to be spoken of to
 them.

Your affectionate son
Fr. Galton



5 April 1873
 Francis Galton



Piercy

f. 14r

My dear Father.

I do not think that I can
get any Weimar introduction
from my London Medical friends
though they may have some
acquaintance in Jena. Jena
is I find a stage from Weimar.
I am making all enquiries I
can. and from all I can gather
Weimar is decidedly the place

F. 24v

The Historical Society flourishes
I ~~have~~ ^{made} a speech there the
last meeting. The Spigram
Society appears most prosperous
to have had its first meeting last
night. as great many were
sent in. and 5 chosen ^{out of them} by
ballot. then we have fabricated
for a superb manuscript
book with AMENITATES
CANTABRUGIENNES in it

in which such Epigrams as
are chosen are inserted.

I have not time to write
out for you the ~~poem~~ in question
but they were very ~~short~~ I
ought to say that we take

the word Epigram in its most

general sense that is any

poem of any character on

~~the~~ given subject. with or

without point. The subject

was *via trita via tuta* (the

worn way is the safe way, & the
 Duke of Norfolk's motto. The ~~birds~~
 I sent in, they were one of the 5, worn

A plucky lad was he
 who fastened quills together
 and tried to cross the sea
 In spite of wind & weather
 Though better to have wept
 in silence Minos' ire
 Facts only prove he leapt
 from flying pan to fire

Shareholders save your load,
 save money save material,
 go keep the twenpenny road
 And sell your steam aerial.
 Your affectionate son Geo. Galton.

Wed - 3 Evening



My dear Father.

Thank you very much
 for your kind present to me
 which I will be very acceptable
 as I do not doubt but that
 my journey will be somewhat
 expensive. I will be with
 you on Monday Evening, as I
 propose to leave Cambridge for
 Exeter by the Eagle on that day.
 Then I was thinking of staying
 with you there until Wed - 5 or
 Thursday & then joining my
 friends in London & starting off with
 the better to delay doing so till I had seen them

her on Monday.

I cannot write a longer letter
now as we are being plagued
with an Examination, ^{in which} ~~in which~~ ^{knows}
I am not trying ^{to do much} as I am
quite indifferent as to my place
in the Class. I only want to
avoid being posted which is a
bore because the name is published
in the Newspapers as such &
relations are generally ignorant
of the nature and character of
~~such~~ Examinations. I have
prepared literally nothing but
trusted to the light of nature
which has been very useful so far

f. 17c

And I think I have ^{already} provided
a post. If it had not been
I should only have had to
cram for any one of the
latter papers over night &
~~that thing~~ ^{require} would
have done perfectly.

How the botanical lectures
has been very good. Related to me
about Saxe Weimar he says
he would have given me introduction
but he has never himself been
abroad but he advises me to
ask at once if there be any
"Resident Botanist" to go to him
R & state my case & ask him
what are the valuable flowers

in the neighbourhood. Dr. He
 says there is a kind of Freemasonry
 among naturalists that it is
 very little trouble for a professor
 to open his herbarium & to show
 a few leaves of it. & it may
 be of great service & therefore
 they never hesitate a moment
 about doing so. I shall

certainly follow his advice.

Good bye my dear Father
 With many thanks for your
 kind letter I remain

Your affectionate son
 W. H. Allen

Dr. Thomsen has kindly sent me letters of
 introduction to Sir J. E. Smith & Dr. J. F. Thomsen.
 I have not thanked him for them yet as I thought it was



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Francis Galton 1. St Albani Place
London St James'.
10 June 1843



My dear Father.

Emma and I are bustling about in every direction to complete our arrangements. My occupations have been as follows. I got into London at 6½ found Brown at Lane's where I am staying. I called forth with him to see the force of Fortunio at Drury Lane which is certainly most absurd. It contains more puns than it has hitherto fallen to my lot to listen to even from yourself. Thursday morning I called on Emma. on Partridge. got passport. I dined at the Huberts this morning breakfasted with the Charles Barchin.

whom Emma had met with at the
 Huberts & who ^{had} kindly asked her & myself
 to breakfast with them. We then called
 on the Horners. Frances H. was very energetic
 concerning the late bills in Parliament. I must
 take an opportunity of recommending Edwin
 Maling to her notice. They have given us
 an introduction at Dresden or Munich, I forget
 which. We then returned to Portman Square
 to await the appointed call of Denham
 Cookes. He has the funniest head I ever ^{as a}
 saw, it is excessively agreeable & at his ease,
 nobody except his lawyers know where
 he lives. ~~to whom~~ under cover to whom
 all communications are addressed. His
 hair is yellowish red his face something
 like this . He told us a great deal

mentioned that Colonel Todd lives
 & is very popular at Dresden. So we
 an introduction to him. Emma says
 we knew him slightly at Leamington.

Next we went to the Earners & I
 dined again with the Herberts to ^{tomorrow}
 & breakfast with the Kays & I dine
 with Partridge.

Be carefully considering over our plans
 as we have introductions in abundance to
 Dresden & Munich & now to Saxe Weimar
 as moreover there is a picture gallery
 in Dresden & now at Saxe Weimar. &
 is fine as every German gentleman loves
 Saxe Weimar during the summer ~~we~~
 have resolved upon changing our plans

1) going to Hambury 2) thence to Dork
 there to stay half our time until
 we can get on moderately well in Germany
 3) then to go ~~to~~ ^{through Saxony} ~~Munich~~ ^{by which}
 time Lord Erskine will have ^{better} recovered
 the death of his wife ^{then} there the
 other half of our time and then return
 homeward. By the way Mr. (Mrs.)
 Barclay has given us another introduction
 to Lord Erskine who is under great
 pecuniary obligations to him. -

Partridge has given me another letter
 of introduction to Sir James Clarke on
 whom I call to morrow.

We start at 2 on Wed morning
 Your affectionate son Wm. Galton.



My dear Father Mother Betsy Kelly. We are in full preparation for leaving
Sweden early the day after to-morrow. We go by steamer to Tetsteden to the house
of Mr Noel. Mr Woodhouse's friend. He calls upon us the Saturday before we
sailing in bed at 9. and was very good natured to send word as to stay in
the house on our way to Nagu. according to our plan to be in Tetsteden
and stay until Saturday which time he wrote to stay in Tetsteden
him. Consider the phrenologist is a believe in Tetsteden. At least
Mr Noel came to Sweden to meet ^{afterwards} the friends in the
steamer home. Mr Noel is a Bohemian lady of very great birth
father to a count. She is a great man in these parts. Her face is
not comely but the bump on her head is a wonderful big good. Mr Noel
himself being mad on that subject. — Emma suggested that we
who was second in the latitude might be my old school-fellow at Wexham
have you any reason of ascertaining whether such be the case? I do not
remember him personally, though I remember passing a Sunday
at Colonel Lecky's. The Hallams go on Monday but we have made
arrangements for meeting them two or three times on our way northwards
and then they will stay 10 days at Munich. — Can you find out
by means of Mr Young or by any other way what Miss Hallam's
age is, Emma and I have fore contention on that subject. Emma
declaring that she is not more than 21. and I maintain
her to be older. We have no way of finding it out here. Emma
says that it is not altogether to be trusted. Their age.
I am glad that Miss Hawkes and Nurse Ricketts look so young and
young & plump. but in which hand is he? Nurse is a good
a great friend of mine. I had the best of her but she is
with and married a patient. There are scarcely any medical

institutions ^{here} but doctors abound. I have been over what there are, but they are exceedingly small & close and abominable. Yesterday as I was walking in the picture gallery who should I meet but Dr Todd & asked him & his brother who looked like Mr Todd's dissenting minister, we had a long talk over King's College matters & he had tea with us afterwards & I got a Dresden Doctor to meet him. He went off this morning southward - Atkinson & Rhoads have already gone 4 days & Oake went this morning in the same diligence with Dr Todd so we are utterly inconsolable. Mr Beech of Birmingham was in the picture gallery this morning where Emma recognised him, his altitude is very conspicuous in Germany. where the average run of Gentlemen come up to Emma's shoulder. he talks about buying copies of some of the pictures here. We had a very agreeable dinner party at Mr Smith who on discovery knew Uncle & Aunt Howard & whom we had had a letter from Mr R. Vaux. They live about 16 miles off in German style. Manage a small farm with two donkeys & certain geese. They have also some corn which had just been cut when we were there & in consequence the labourers had presented the usual harvest-braids of flowers worked with ribbons & fringed with gold leaf which is hung up in the hall until the raising harvest. After dinner (at 2) we adjourned to the bakery on the table of which the gentlemen sat smoking cigars the while they talked to the ladies. The gentlemen do not sit round the table after the ladies go out but they walk into the drawing room arm & arm together just as they left it. - I am very glad Mrs Phillips enjoyed her Irish tour so much but in moving about so unprotected from place to place she must have run great risks from the susceptible Irishmen - perhaps she imitated the conduct of the lady in Moore's Irish Melodies whom

Darwin said to be so fond of quoting & who repelled with indignation
the knight who said { Lady don't thou not fear to stray
So lone & lonely in this bleak way -
Are the founts of Eternity so good or so cold,
As not to be troubled by comas or gold?

I can fancy her making the reply according to the continuation
of the song "Sir Knight I feel not the least alarm
I am very much amused by your description of Mr P's picture
and of their youthful appearance. What a happy thing it is that
now-a-days courtship does not proceed in the chivalrous manner, when
a carrier-pigeon brought the lady's picture & the gentleman who had never
seen the original strait way fell in love, as there might be
some misunderstanding in the present case.

I am very glad that Douglas is so much better. Every body talks of the Gibraltar
fever as so common & so dangerous among the troops & sailors there
at present. I hope he will quite get over the effects of it.
Good bye your very affectionate son
Brother Wm. Walton.

My dearest Father, Mother & Sisters, Thank you much for the first
letter we received from you very dear Father & Mother. I hope the
next will tell us that little Adeline is recovered from her fever for
that Bessy & Mary are the better for it & don't advise - What can
shock Mr & Mrs' death must have been to you all. I had just been
told in the papers - for only once a week are the births, deaths & marriages
announced in Galipernia & I only now & then go to read the papers.
But I saw Capt. Norton's & Capt. W. K. Norton's marriage in the
last paper - Why has Horrocks left? Did he help with touch in
selling the vegetables - Darwin will be glad to see him is proper.
Adeline's coat will not suffer by leaning against the wall -
The seeds I have succeeded in getting from the Alps Garden,
I hope will turn out pretty. He assures me, they are the
very best. - I am so delighted to hear such good accounts of
Douglas - Many have mentioned about the hour at Gibraltar
this year - Dresden is the most extraordinary place for Cripples,
Dumb Throats - Swastika - it is quite sad to see such numbers.



My dear Father.

The best thing in the world
 that you can possibly do is to come up
 on Tuesday by the Eagle with Muma & Nelly
 & to take up your quarters with me & Nelly
 & see her majesty ~~with~~ Cantab in
 all their glory — You must come —
 Muma can sleep in my bed. You
 in my sitting room, and I where
 I can in some other Cantab room.
 Then the sitting room will be
 cleaned out for breakfast & Nelly
 we can see every thing — this is
 the worst view of your accommodation
 it is possible that I can get the.

loan of a ~~pair~~ set of rooms, but as
a supper party is waiting for me
I have not time to explain.

I should have some difficulty
in escorting Missina & Kessy myself
alone. But if you cannot come
I will do all I can, if you can
send one of sisters by themselves.
Perhaps Darwin would like the
present if it is too much for you.
If so I hope he will come.

Unless there is a gentleman to
escort the lady ^{besides myself} I am afraid that
a great deal will be left unseen
by both as the ladies & the
undergraduates are often separated
& the lady must remain under

escort & neither can see the
light. — But remember if
neither you nor Darwin can
come — Henry must as
it is better she should see
something than nothing.
Your affectionate son

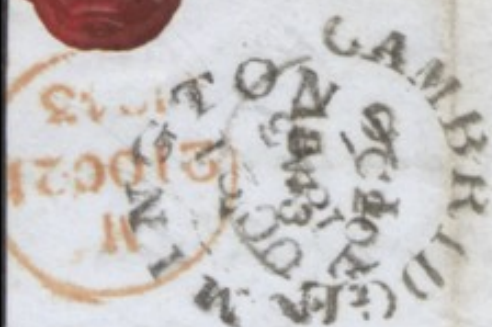
H. J.
Please write by return
of post.

Friday Evening, 8. p.m.

Cambridge

Mrs Hoppett is all anxious
to see you. —

f. 23v



Pa^r. Galton
Cambridge
20 Oct 1843.



S. J. Galton Esq
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington.



Mia Coll

f. 24r

Monday Morning.

My dear Father.

To the best of my belief
Chephire would make a very fit surgeon
to the Eye Infirmary.

Do you know Mr Chephire well?
His note seems rather to demand than
to petition your vote.

I write in haste to secure the
morning post. I will write again
this evening. I have much to say
about medicals.

Yours very affectionately
Wm. Gallon.

All the articles were left purposely
except the watch key. Please ~~ask~~
Nester to keep them all in custody.
How is her face?

Prof Galton
Cambridge

30 Oct 1843





Univ Coll. f.25r

My dear Father.

I have been talking with Dr Haviland about the lectures I have to attend. He tells me that if I put a "sprint" on and go to 4 lectures a day, that I shall be able to finish with Cambridge by the end of next term. He advises me from hospital practice in Cambridge & accordingly I shall be able to practice (if I like) next June 2 years. I have without hesitation adopted his plan. ~~there~~ I must hope an examination by each of the Professors separately & the examinations take place at the close of their lectures. Whether I shall feel myself strong enough to go in for all four or any of them at the

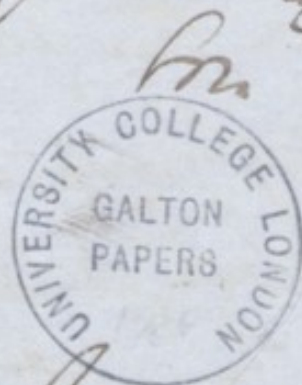
End of the course I attend I do not
 know, if not I shall do so next
 year. I am working ferociously
 at present. First for my degree
 & secondly on ^{the} different subjects -
 Anatomy ~~Physiology~~ ^{Practice of Medicine} Chemistry
 & Forensic Medicine. I did
 at one time know these same
 subjects well enough but they
 slip in an extraordinary degree
 out of the mind. I am writing
 in the Union & waiting for some
 motions to come on, that I was
 pledged last term to open.

I wrote you a note by this
 morning's post. — My sons

was not among the number
 thrown down for the Queen
 to walk upon I caught up
 before the maids of honor
 (blest their pretty feet) could
 do so, as I had not inclination
 to assimilate my loyalty
 to that of the aldermen of
 Southampton.

Good bye your affectionate

W. L. Gallie,



I have called on D. being out
 to Fingery. He is not very
 polished but does

f. 26v

I open my note because I was de^{vised}
specchifying till too late for the post. —

If you have occasion to set up in Clevedon
or elsewhere any new cupboard. I have
just seen the jolliest dodge imaginable
to supersede the old plan of bolting
the ~~door~~ into which the
right door locks. A which
it is always a bore to open
breaking ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{nails} & very troublesome



the plan is this. Into the wood ~~work~~
above and below the ^{meeting of the} ~~doors~~ doors an
affair of the sort is ~~is~~  A C B

a rod AB moving on a centre C pressed up
on the side B by a spring S, & ^{carries} ~~carries~~ ^{flange}
two projections one at either end of
which the right hand one is rounded.

Hence when the right door is shut
it presses down B & the projection at
A sticks up. & when both the doors are
shut together the projection at A both

above and below stick into holes
at the top & bottom of the left hand
door & in fact bolt it.

It acts perfectly is very cheap. scarcely
any more expensive than the ordinary
bolt & is ~~more~~ more secure ^{the safety} as ~~both~~
have been lifted up by boring a ^{very} small
hole through the wood work & working
them up with an instrument &
afterwards filling up the hole with
colored putty — these cannot be
picked as the bolts cannot be depressed
until the right hand door is unlatched
& opened. So give me an order to
get you a pair if you have any
more cupboard —

Poor Penny and her face.

f. 27v

Francis Galton
Cambridge

31 Dec 1843





f. 28r

My dear Father.

Thank you very much for the
Bristol water Dr Fisher was most overcon-

Did ^{Emma} you receive a letter I wrote 3 or
4 days before my last one talking about
the British & Foreign Institute, I have
delayed writing hoping to hear something
positive or negative from you in
reference to its merits. However
could not well delay longer by am
already elected I propose entering
myself as a country member
which will cost 6 ~~pounds~~ ^{guineas} by
Entrance & 2 yearly subscription.

I am very anxious to begin pure medicine again. I find that I shall have to stay in Cambridge till about the 1st of June & then have completed ^{the place} ~~the place~~ excepting some further examination. I fully concur in ~~all that~~ ^{all that} Hodgkin said about St George and shall like very much to pursue the medical practice there. I am not quite sure what would be the best thing to do immediately after leaving Cambridge as the medical sessions are not then going on. I however rather think that London would be the best place in all events.

could learn Botany and Materia
 Medica. together with some degree
 of hospital practice. If not I could
 direct in Paris though after all minute
 anatomy is really useful to a practitioner
 who does not operate and I think I
 know quite enough of general anatomy.

I propose taking rooms in King's College
 next October as I think it much
 nicer than being out in lodgings.
 for one cannot have preparations
 and all that so well in the latter.
 and besides it is more collegiate. — I shall
 be obliged to leave my rooms next term
 and am now looking out for lodgings in
 the town. — How is my mother's health?
 I wish it would get well. I wish

to ask her in my last letter to Enna
 if she could have Charley Huston
 for a week in Leamington, as she
 was so kind as to give me a carte
 blanche: would somewhere about
 the 16th suit? ~~as~~ He would give his
 cars for dancing. As to I should prefer
 that he should come down for a dancing
 season - Is Enna with Miss Taylor?
 How is Mr Gurney? I think
 that I shall only be able to be down
 for about 10 days ^{or a week} during the vacation
 so if Mater could tell me what
 time would suit her best I would
 make arrangements at once with
 Charles Huston.

Your affectionate son Fred Allen



F. 30r
Tuesday Evening

My dear Father.

I take the earliest opportunity
of writing to say that C Buxton is
all sorrow & everything that is proper
owing to his being quite unable to come
to Leamington - Sir F. B. is not well
& as C. B. can only spare about 10 days
out of his vacation, ~~they~~ ~~he~~ he has had a letter
expressing some anxiety that he sh^d spend
them at home. Thank you & please
thank my Mother also very much
for so kindly inviting him. I also
received a letter from Miss Taylor inviting
us to Moore Green for a day before going
to the Concert. which I have answered
full of gratitude - I propose not

going down to you till a day or two
 after ~~xtmas~~ - with Kelly positively
 be in Leamington then. as the &
 I realise the favorite wish of
 J^r Boath - I have paid
 my subscription to the British & Foreign
 Institute - and I really think
 I have been ~~quite~~ right in doing so

I think that I shall only be able to
 stay a week or so with you - I am
 all anxiety to begin doctoring again.
 putting on all steam - Shabir
 Rafter's direction - I directed a letter
 to him some time since Croft near
 Bristol wh. I fear he has not received

Yours very affectionately

Wm. Gallon.

The letter forwarded to me
 from Parker No 1 had been
 the day after my return. I he
~~ad~~ acknowledged it by a ~~undirected~~
 letter which it seems was returned
 to him - He then wrote the re-
 in question, full of gratitude, &
 assuring me how "much estimated
my commands were" !!! This
 make a nice little moral maxim
 that a man ought to delay paying
 his tailor's bills for a year or so I
 am sure that I should never have
 met with so much gratitude otherwise.

Prof. Galton

5 Dec^r 1843

Ans. $\frac{17}{12}$ 43





My dear Father

Your affectionate Son is
 B.A. the ceremony having taken
 place this morning and I now
 wear a flowing gown with ~~ribbons~~
 hang in front over either arm.

I send you a list I am like^d
 at which I highly pride
 myself the Classics being
 below for  medicine only
 allowed me a month to get my
 subjects up. I was third in

Mathematics but would have been first only for a misunderstanding in one question which lost me fifteen marks.

The place however in the Poll signifies nothing—

I see Hopkins occasionally who often asks me out. He has asked me to dinner to night and again for Tuesday night.

Thank you very much about the carriage to the Stratford ball. It will be most convenient and capital for me.

Please tell Emma that I fear my Schiller will not do for her on account of the type, besides

I think that I had rather keep it.
I am much obliged for her remembering
in great hurry his offer of selling it

Your affectionate Son
Wm. L. Allen

I send you a Newspaper.

Francis Galton
Jan 1844.

Bulletin



Case of Francis Galton.

Year 1844
Month Feb

Trade. Cantab.
Disease. *Extrema*
Appetite

The patient states that he left Leamington by the coach on Feb^r. 3^d the day was cold and rainy. At Southam he purchased some captain's biscuits which he continued eating till Northampton at wh^{ic} place he invested in a pork pie. His appetite continued extreme even more so than natural.
Present State. Face flushed

f. 3v
which he accounts for by
a violent walk. appetite
remarkable.

My dear Father

I am very sorry to
hear of your asthma. I
really ought to have written
before but was lazy. I
am working hard at medicine
& Dr Bond has offered to
give me his clinical clerkship
next vacancy. Love

f. 4r

my heart, your affection
for Mrs. Waller

fine

thief

Francis Galton
13 Feb 1844
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f. 4v

f. 5r

Necessary medicine for you. I am
very glad I have taken the pledge. I
told Dolly my reasons who will tell them
you. It was not done without a term's
previous consideration Your affectionate son
F. L.

My dear Father

Will you tell Bessy that I
received her letter just after I had
put my last into the post and thank
her much for it. I see young Barclay
occasionally we have breakfasted at
each other's room and are good friends
when we meet. but I have now so
little spare time at my disposal,
being the whole morning in attendance
on Medical lectures &c. that I have not
been able to go out much lately and consequently
have rarely met him. I get more and
more fond of medicine every day. I
am trying some new ways of taking

Cases, or rather outlines of cases, by
 lines drawn under each particular
 symptom and varying according to
 its severity every day or every 2nd day
 as the case may be. ~~In fact~~ like the
 ordinary plan of statistical ~~control~~
 charts. It ~~is~~ of great use for noting
 cases quickly, since you can do all
 you want by the bedside of the patient
 and when going round with the physician
 which ~~is~~ be quite out of the question
 in the ordinary way of proceeding
 and ~~then~~ many cases are noted which otherwise ~~would be neglected~~
 Do you remember my Mother and
 myself talking about the connection
 of gout and asthma? I asked several
 medical men whether they had

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ever observed any and they all said
no, when curiously enough yesterday
Dr Haviland stated in his lecture
that "from a wide observation he could
not help thinking that gout and
asthma had certain connections wh.
have not yet been investigated." I
shall certainly look out for cases
that way for it wd be very curious
if such apparently unlike diseases
were after all related. Dr Haviland
spoke much of very strong coffee as
often being of very great service in
asthma - that or tea, which is
much the same for their active principles
are identical, I ~~think~~ ^{know} you have found
good, only you don't take the former

Strong enough.

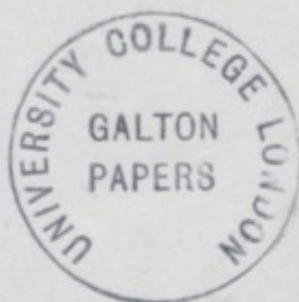
Spec my mother still adhere to her intention of accompanying me to Shrewsbury next Easter, will you ask her to write about it. I shall have I hope nearly a fortnight ^{altogether} but ~~should~~ must spend a week at home to talk over future plans and Bob Sawyer dodges for getting into practice & so on, with you.

You will probably have heard from Emma, who found it out through the Hallams, that I am a tea totaller of about a month standing - It suits with my constitution gloriously - but warm advocate as I am of the cause, whatever you do my dear Father don't lower yourself, as wine is a most

f.7
Francis Galton

6 Mar 1844

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f. 8r
Saturday - Morning

My dear Father.

As I was not able myself to enter into learned consultation with Pritchard and ^{Dr} Jefferson, I cannot altogether give up my privilege of "family doctor" and so will write this letter full of prescriptions. But first I must truly congratulate you on your convalescence which Selby tells ~~will~~ is in capital progress and, as I presume, only wanting a little hospital-patient discipline to make it perfect. ~~Now~~ my prescriptions are

- 1st That the Hospital-patient do on no occasion feel his pulse.

- 2nd That the H-P do never look in the glass to see whether his eyes are red.

3rd. That the H-P do never examine his
own health with a view to self-doctoring
4th That the H-P do make ^{when to practice} improper use of Clarendon
and commit prisoners at Leamington, but that
he never attend canal-meetings, nor put himself
to inconvenience or anxiety.

5th. That the H-P do henceforth enjoy an
"otium cum dignitate," and leave hard work
to younger heads, ~~for~~ whom it is ~~their~~ duty.

And now my dear father I have finished
doctoring for the present, but shall go
on writing doctor's letters until I hear
that you obey my rules, and treat your
own constitution with the respect it deserves
for having brought you through asthma.
hard work at banking, and anxieties of
all sorts for so long. Indeed it's a highly
meritorious constitution, and fairly
deserves rest. — I hope to be

with you in about a fortnight but
the exact time is not yet fixed, however
I shall know before another three days
when I will write. At present I still
continue full work at medicine. I
am reading Hippocrates and Aretaeus
in which we are examined for the MB
degree.

I know my lecture time and to not
to lose a post I send my letter
unfinished but will write again
on Monday.

Your very affectionate son
Geo. Gallon

Prof. Galton
9 Mar 1864
Cambridge





f. 10r

Shrewsbury
Wednesday

My dear Father

I shall not be with you until
Saturday evening, but I will write
to morrow and let you know the
exact coach by which I propose to
come. I return to Birm^m to morrow
and stay with Lucy who keeps out
dinner for me to meet James Russell.

At 3 p.m. yesterday I arrived at
my under Gates. The palms of my
hands ~~were~~ decidedly moist - the
courage was oozing. The fly drove

and they have all been as good natured
and as warm-hearted as possible
they wanted me much to stay, but
I thought I had better not, lest my
~~kind~~ uncle should feel the excitement too
much, and also because they wanted
me to have some amusement all day
and Shrewsbury does not afford any
and so I fear they may be afraid
that they are not as hospitable as
they might be, which it far from the case,
but still they might think it.

My uncle is very much better & stronger
than I had expected - and I have
enjoyed my visit extremely.
Your affectionate son Hallam.

up to the door and I was heartily welcomed
by my cousin Susan. I made many
apologies which were directly stopped
short, as every thing was made up &
excused & then I was taken into the
dining room to eat luncheon and
then came my uncle who welcomed
me if possible 5 times more heartily
and who also stopped short all
apologies having however first
shown me the delinquent letter.
which was so wonderfully free
from all dates. Not a word
have I heard of my iniquities
since then up to the present time

Fr. Galton

Salop

10 April 1844

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Lin: Coll:

f. 12r



My dear Father

According to promise and upon
a respectably sized sheet I begin to write
you an account of my proceedings. Medicine
flourishes, though Cambridge certainly affords
but very little to do, and I shall not be sorry
to begin working in London. It appears that
a Cambridge degree is almost necessary for
a man who wishes in any degree to get into
London practice as a physician. Robert Fere
who was my senior at Partridge's, and who has
indeed taken a surgeon's degree, has had this
fact so much urged upon him by different
London Doctors that he intends coming to
Cambridge as a freshman next term. So I
was right after all, notwithstanding Hodgson's
forebodings, in wishing for a ~~facultab~~: education.

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The reason of this ^{general} preference in favor of University
degrees I do not know. but I suppose that
Doctors act very much "En clique" and make
a habit of decrying those who have not been
to fully educated as themselves.

Tell Selby that as soon as I come up, I
through the medium of Tooke, I served a
writ for total abstinence upon Selwyn.

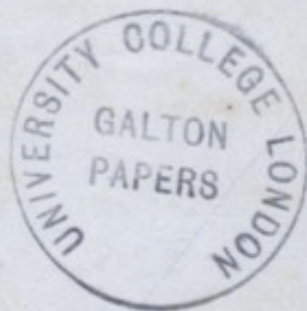
He professed himself not quite decided
as yet, though undoubtedly in favor of the
cause. Tooke introduced me to him the day
after. The Epigram Society flourishes in
great vigour, we meet next time to write
epitaphs ~~inimitable~~ on the various dons
now in authority. Selwyn, I hear, desires
to join us. The Kays come up next week
to take degrees in Freemasonry. and then
there are to tell me about any lodgings
near them they have found out for me
in town. How does Cop. Hill get on &
how is Mrs. Oatlow, what an ^{extradition} ~~extraordinary~~ affair that

was. Is Lion convalescent?

The answer to the Riddle that I sent yesterday is two pigs. I humbly beg everybody's pardon for having sent it to them to guess, & in particular those who tried at it the hardest. "Macaulay's" is said not to be Macaulay's, for he disowned & having ~~been~~ written it. Bessy is of course with Aunt Gurney.

Good bye your affectionate son

Francis Galton.



Pa. Galton

1 May 1844?

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Monday Morning

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My dear Father

Dear

Thank you very much for your
two letters & I have just received Emma's
also, with the account of Miss L. I should
think Mr. T. was not a person of a
very sanguine temperament. What is
the correct thing for a lady to do under
these circumstances? I always thought
that the bridegroom was made to breakfast
with the bridal party before the ceremony
and never lost sight of till after it
was over, lest he might bolt. It seems
so odd to make an appointment to meet
be married at ~~such an~~ ^{a given} hour at a church.
Had Mr. T. only been a disciple of
my Father he would have been shivering

at least half an hour before his time waiting
 for the church doors to be open, & not be
 so grievously late. I am glad Mr Burrow
 is getting better, did you say the ball
 went right through her? My old friend
 Joe Kay is in Cambridge and he tells me
 of several lodgings, about where I should
 like to be in London. I have not actually
 fixed upon the street but certainly the
 keeper one of those ~~houses~~ running out of
 Park Lane for then I shall be near
 St George's hospital & the park and close
 by the Kay's Campbell's C Buxton
 not far from
 H. Hallam & indeed some other. I fancy
 that I shall ^{from Kay's description} get "quite as good" ^{rooms} as I shall
 want for 20 shillings a week. though
 I don't reconcile the account with
 Littlejohn. Pray be sure to remember me

to Charlotte Hall when you see her,
 I am glad her children are such
 fine ones. We had such a glorious
 May day here - I determined to
~~manage~~ improve upon my last year's
 one and together with two other men
 raised a shilling or a sixpenny subscrip-
 tion to £3 with this we got 80 buns
 240 oranges 500 small biscuit cakes
 & materials for 8 gallons of tea (to be
 made ready sugar &c in cans) then
 we got a may pole 9 feet above the
 ground with a great wreath on the
 top & 2  flaps one on either side
 fastened to sticks and held by boys, then
 an arch through which only 2 could pass
 at a time, receiving each of them a
 bun or 2 or three biscuits & an orange
 (in transitu). Then we chose a queen of

the May, the prettiest little girl I ever
remember to have seen & Mrs Hopkin took
her in charge & washed her & attired her
in a royal diadem & the undergar-
ment, about 60, ^{threw} their way
in to the May pole & took hands and
spread out leaving a large vacant
ring in the centre of which was the
May pole & the Queen of the May. She
chose her partner & with 5 other girls
& their partners danced the college hornpipe
then we let in a number of other
smaller girls who took hands and
danced in a wide ring round them &
the May pole, & after that another
ring, concentric that danced the
opposite way round, ^{so all three were going on at once} we had one of
those street hurdy gurdy things for the



Music, to the plan of the
proceedings was thus.

There were more than
200 children & the undergraduates
arms were at full stretch

The maypole was
put up in the college green.



Riddle

If a man wants to obtain a
vegetable time piece at what hour
~~shall~~ he rise?

Answer. He must get "up at eight
o'clock" (must get a potato clock).

Goodbye your affectionate son

W. S. Gallon

P.S. I will always write on Mondays. as on this last week.

Fraser Galton
6 May 1844.
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Trin. Coll
Tuesday (instead of Monday)

f. 17c

My dear Father.

Pray excuse the small sheet of paper, for I have so much of it on hand that I can find no way for its disposal. A number of my old college friends have come up during the past week and most of them gone down again.

Matthew Boulton just appeared for 2 days & a night to take his degree. He asked me much to come to Tew, and I have accepted his invite ~~gladly~~ for some far future time as I am afraid

that I shall have no time for
 holidays in London. Every body
 is making up long Vacation parties
 & I have had earnest entreaties ~~for~~
 to travel with different parties to
 St. Petersburg to Madrid & I
 don't know where else. but after all
 it is satisfactory to have something
 better to do than to join them.

^{Small} F. Buxton has also been here, he
 is working at the brewery in London
 but unfortunately ~~will~~ keeps at
 long way off from where I shall.

The 2 days came up, one to be
 made a Freemason, the other

f. 18r

to be passed to the 2nd degree &
I was raised to the third on the
same night. Frederick Bristow
has been in Cambridge the last
week to see their brother who
takes his degree next year.

At the Epigram meeting last time
we had the most amusing collection
that as yet we have been favored with
One ^{short one} was on Griffin a Johnian
Senior draughtsman who has written
the most stale ^{abstract} & uninteresting book
on optics it is possible to conceive
& quite spoilt the beauty of the
science. I ought to say the subject

f. 18v
Given was "An Epitaph."

It was.

Shall weep for Griffin?

Not I said the eye

He has made me so dry

I cannot weep for Griffin.

Betsy wrote to me the other day, it
was principally ^{on} good advice.

The Kays tell me that they are going
to ~~excavate~~ build a splendid street in
London longer than any at present
existing & closed at either end
with ^{large} ~~metal~~ doors and ~~an~~ archway
it is to be by Kensington Garden.

Westmacott has nearly finished
his bas relief for the basement
of the new Royal Exchange



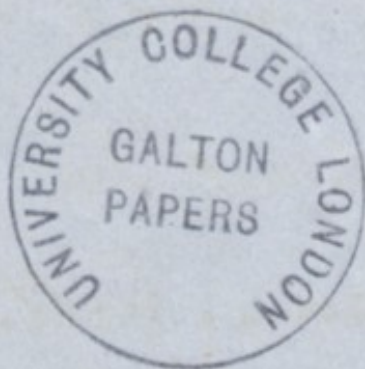
They are said to be splendidly executed. I do not know ~~how~~ ^{the figures} they are grouped, but they form an allegory relating to Commerce and the figures are in modern not ancient dress, I believe not unlike ^{those of} the old penny postage envelope. The British & Foreign Institute is going to build extensively there are now about 1250 members the prices for dining are the same as those of the Athenaeum which are high. A very fair library has suddenly sprung up by all the

principal publishers giving
very handsome presents of books
to Buckingham as a return for
his exertions in that part of the
copyright bill by which the
number of copies of each publication
that must be sent to different libraries
has been diminished. and these
books he has made over to
the Institute. Are Lucy's kindlings
still with you give my love to
them if they are, as also to Lucy.

Your very affectionate Son
Francis Galton.

How is my Mother's health? I do
 you still teach Adèle's school-children?
 Your chess-board is invaluable, we
 lie ^{lazily} on the banks of the river in the
 sun playing chess after half which
 is luxurious to a degree.

I did not read the speech of Sir Robert
 that you mentioned but should have
 been very glad to have been able
 to have cheered him for the passage
 in question.



F. 20v
Prof. Galton
Cambridge
13 May 1864

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Monday.

f. 21c



My dear Father

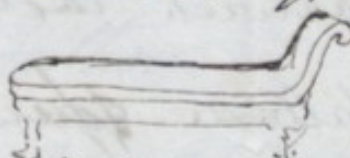
I am afraid that I have
two unanswered letters on the score
against me, and thank you much for
the letter of introduction to Mr Walker
contained in the last. I will tell you
the result after I have taken it. I

meet with numbers of my Cambridge
friends so that I am pretty sure of
a call every day and this with working
till about 4 at medicine and again
before going to bed makes my existence
about as jolly and as cozy as I
ever expect to aspire to. Mr Hallam

gave me a ticket for the private view of
 the ~~fine~~ paintings now in Westminster
 Hall (on Saturday). They are said
 to be decidedly inferior to what was expected
 and nearly half of them were rejected
 as unworthy of exhibition. The two
 best (and I had come to the same conclusion
 without hearing it before) are considered
 to be Rachel & Jacob by Cope & a
 study by Armitage; a female figure
 looking something like ~~Katherine~~ ^{Armitage}
~~Britannia~~ ^{Britannia}. ~~Armitage~~
 & Cope were two of the three that got £300
 prizes for their cartoons last year.

Dr Todd is very good-natured to me. He
 has invited me to spend next Sunday
 with him at a country cottage of his
 near Streatham Common.

I enclose your ~~two~~ ^{two} scraps on one piece
 of paper intended respectively to

represent different views of my
 room. Tell Betsy that since she was
 in it My landlord has allowed me
 a glorious damask green little bit
 of a sofa  which fits as
 snugly as possible into the room

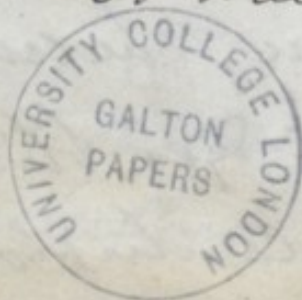
Sir Arthur Brooke said he wd take
 me to see Alexis the mesmeriser
 about whom so much has been written
 in the Times Chronicle & Herald.
 by & in reply to Colonel Gurwood. I
 thought I had better go as he is said
 to be by far the most successful
 clairvoyant, he ~~about~~ exhibit publicly
 and this time Mr Ramsay Clark
 had him in his room. It was entirely
 a failure, he certainly played at cards
 with his eyes blindfolded but that
 is not conclusive; but is not one

instance could be had words written
aside & put into boxes. ^{which he professed to be able to do.} F.H.

Will you be so kind as to let me know
on what days Warwick Castle is
visible as Mr Hallam spends a day
next week over Warwick County
& Kenilworth, not Leamington.
If you have any thin guide book
^{to those places} which might be sent easily by post
I should be much obliged if you would
send it, ^{to me,} as I want to do everything ^{other}
for the "Antik Vogel" Emma will
explain. -

Your affectionate son F.H.

Dear Emma - She is sweeter than ever
F.H.





f. 23r
16. King St. Covent Garden
Wednesday. London.

My dear Father.

Mr Partridge and Dr Budd
have been for the last week making many
enquiries from the different physicians
whom they thought best to consult as to
that hospital to which I had better
attach myself; the result is that the
opinions are decidedly in favour of
either the Middlesex or St George's;
but some prefer one some the other.
St George's if I could get appointed
to it as physician is undeniably the
best but it appears quite blocked up
whilst the Middlesex is at present -

perfectly open, but then the appointment
there w^d have no influence whatever
(by its connection) upon my practice.

Notwithstanding Dr Watson & Dr Latham
recommend it, though not strongly;
and under these circumstances I have
written a full account of what the
various doctors have said to Mr. Hodgson
and said that as I had always felt
that he had taken a kind interest
in me I ~~could~~ was unwilling to take
any step in my medical plans without
his sanction and therefore hoped he
w^d be so kind as to give me his
opinion by which I sh^d ~~not~~ abide.
I forget the exact words but I

put them as sweetly as I could,
very glad that the case presented
itself in such a manner that
the asking of Hodgson's opinion in
that manner w^d be a real advantage
to myself as well as a compliment
quite due to him. That letter
I have just put in the post, and
as soon as I receive an answer
I will write, that you may be
informed as soon as possible about
my plans. I have comfortable
lodgings for 15 shillings a week
at 16 King S.^t. Covent Garden.
~~into~~ which I have removed this
morning - Will you have the

F. Galton. f. 24v

kindness to transfer the money I
have in your hands ^{12 June 1874} together with
some of my next quarter allowance
say on the whole £60 to Barclay
as I shall have to pay at once for
my hospital practice as soon as
I know my destination. & I have
not enough money to do so at present

I am sincerely sorry that you
continue feverish but without a
doubt Jephson & Leamington air will
set you up - With love to all
and acknowledgements to Penny
for the parcel per Bouquet -
Believe me ever affectionately

F. G.





My dear Father

Mr Hodgson wrote me a very kind reply saying that he w^d be in London on Tuesday (today) and w^d then talk with me about my medical plans. This he has done most kindly and most fully, strongly advising St George's on account of its clique ^{name} both in helping practice & in aiding ^{whether hospital or other} candidates ~~for~~ appointments generally. He advised me to continue at King's College for the next 6 months or to going occasionally only to St George's, since the Physicians at the former are enthusiastic and of higher repute than perhaps any elsewhere & therefore more desirable as masters at first. He also said that if, after ~~being~~ ^{working} ~~two~~ years or so as the case might be at St George's, an undoubted

opening sh^d appear at the Middlesex or
 elsewhere that I might again change but
 that is quite a future matter. I left him
 at 11 on his way to Oxford and then
 went straight to St George's with a letter
 of introduction in my pocket have already
 paid my fees and entered as a perpetual
 pupil and have been introduced to
 all the authorities there, telling them
 that my attendance w^d not be regular
 as I had not yet left K College that
 they might not ~~construe~~ ^{construe} my rare attendance
~~things~~ into negligence. I attend K College
 to-morrow - and all the more readily
 as it was the plan I had myself wished
 for - I will write to you very shortly
 again. to make up for this sadly
 curtailed letter, but I wished to
 save the post & I am very sleepy.

f. 26r

I sincerely hope the hay ^{fever} ~~asthma~~ ...
is not still annoying.

I dine with the Barclays at Leighton on
Friday.

Your affectionate son F. Galton.

NOTICE

A supplement containing a picture
of my room will be forwarded with
the next letter.

Thursday
16 King St. Covent Garden.



Francis Galton

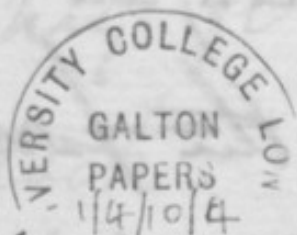
London

18 June 1844

Plant

Cubain House Bridge
Sutherlandshire
Aug 24. 1848.

Friend Mother,



The grouse won't
come just ~~now~~ - all those killed
as yet - Fazakerly of course
disposed of. He ~~will~~ give
us some few to send home; if
he does I trust they will
arrive safely at Claverdon - He
is a capital fellow. I enjoy
~~the~~ myself more than I have for
a year & a half - everything is

so free & open. I stay with
him till he goes if I like.

His son Col: Wallington

& Paddy Johnson on the party

Louis Napoleon was to have
come too but was prevented.

We have every variety of field
sport - pitch tents & hack
horses - Johnson stuck

a day into me to buy (I have)

will explain it I am not
intelligible) it has proved a

beauty & I with my an
dog see more game than
my fellows shoot with two
to each - Should it you like
to buy him at the end of
the grouse season? he wd
find you hares so well in
Paul's piece & I wd pay
with him to my mother
& (said) only to my mother
for the money I gave for
him (£10) Write me an

P. 2v

occasional note of tell me
how Lucy is, for I am most
anxious to hear. -

Ever your affectionate son
Frank Hallin.

The weather is beautifully
out on the moon. I pulled
a piece to send you as a memento
but I have lost it. Lots
of fishing & really of everything.
It is a most curious thing of Fagel
asking me

Kirkwall Orkney. f. 3r

Dearest Bessy,

I send you Chaucer's "gode counsaile". (over the page) it may come in for use among your black letter collection.

I have ~~matter~~ on the opposite leaf a translation. The ~~book~~ was written, the books say, by ~~the author~~ in his dying agonies; & is therefore an interesting relic. Among the books I brought with me was a copy of Chaucer of which I have read a great deal.

The language is puzzling at first, but I now read it just as easily as any other.

He is a charming ~~writer~~. I am carpentering all day here. & working very hard. I heard of Edward's trip to Liverpool & of all the turtle that he eat there. How's Baby?

Ever affectly. Frank J.

Gode counsaile of Chaucer

Flie fro the prese and dwell with sothfastnes;
Suffise unto thy gode tho it be small,
For horde hath hate and climbyng tykilnes,
Pee hath envie, and wile is blent o'er all;
Savour no more then the behovin shall;
Rede well thyself, that othir folke canst rede,
And trouthe the shall deliver it's no drede.

Paine the not eche crokid to redrepe
In trust of her that tourneth as a balle;
Grette rest standith in litel businesse;
Beware also to spurne again a nalle;
Strive not as doith a croke with a walle;
Semith thyself that demest othir's dede
And trouthe the shall deliver it's no drede.

That the is sent receve in buyomnesse;
The wrastling of this worlde asketh a fall;
Here is no home, here is but wildernesse;
Forthe pilgrim, forthe o best out of thy stall;
Loke up on high, and thanke thy God of all;
Weivith thy luste and let thy ghost the lede,
And trouthe the shall deliver it's no drede.

Where the **e** is accented it is to be pronounced
as a separate syllable.

Good counsell of Chaucer.

F. 4

Fly from the pfeys and dwell with truth;
Puffice up to ^(be satisfied with) thy good though it be small,
For ^(hoarding) hoard hath late and climbing danger *1
Price ^(wealth) hath envij and weal is ^(blinded) deceived by al
Savour no more than shall behove thee;
Counsell well thyself that canst counsell other folk,
And faith ^{thee} shall deliver ~~thee~~, it is no ~~dread~~.

Pain thee not each crooked to redress
In trust of her that turneth as a ball;
Great rest standeth in little business
Beware also to spurn against a nail
Strive not as doth an earthen pot against a wall
Dome ^(judge) thyself that judgest others deed
And faith thee shall deliver it is no dread.

^(which is sent thee)
That, ^{thee} is sent receive in burownes;
The wrestling of this world asketh a fall;
Here is no home, here is but wilderness;
Forth *2 pilgrim, forth O beast out of thy stall;
Look up on high, and thank thy God of all;
Waive ^(abandon) thy desire & let thy spirit thee lead,
And faith thee shall deliver it is no dread.

*1. "blent" may be either "blinded", or "blenched", ^(start aside) "well" may be "weal". if that can help to a better translation than the one I have given. in which the "o'er" is made "by".

*2 "Forth" is a verb. "go forth".