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17 Cobden Road.

Brighton.

(December 7. 1864.)

My dear Sir,

Through my son I have heard of the kindly interest you have taken in my present position, and your mention of my name in connexion with some vacancy in the literary department of the Reader.

If I understand my son aright the department of travels and of literature in the Reader is at present unoccupied. This I could undertake with full consciousness of my ability to fulfil its requirements.

Myself a rather extensive traveller, having spent 14 years in various parts of the West Indies and South America, journeyed through Holland, Belgium and part of France,

and having very recently returned from Australia where I went into the far interior, these antecedents would enable me to speak from a practical standpoint on matters connected with physical and political geography.

For many years I have been connected with the press, and I beg to enclose a few testimonials received by me when I was a candidate for another position of a literary character. The shortness of the time since my son spoke to me on this subject, prevents my getting fresh ones, but in their place I send the Eclectic Review, and St. James's Magazine, both for this month in each of which are articles by myself. In the first on

"New South Wales," and in the second on 'old
and odd Inn signs."

Should I obtain the appointment
you may rely upon my throwing all my
energies into it, and on my unremitting
attention to the required duties.

I remain,

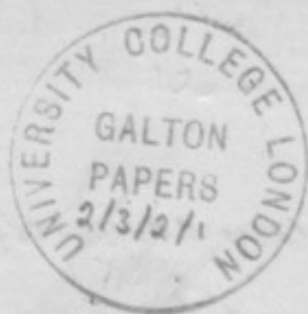
my dear Sir

Yours respectfully

H. F. Barrett.

Dr. Tyndall F.R.S.





2 York Gate.

Montpelier Road.

Brighton.

January 6. 1865.

Dear Sir,

I extremely regret that any delay should have taken place in my reply to your letter, especially as it wears the appearance of discourtesy.

Should you deem me competent to be a contributor to the Reader, in the department of travels in connexion with Geography, physical and political, for which I feel myself most competent and best prepared by previous studies and considerable experience.

I do not pretend to be "up" in Ethnological science, although I have read much on the subject, and therefore I ~~do~~ say nothing about that,

preferring to be judged by my communications should they be accepted.

If therefore you have any geographical work, or work of travels you wish reviewed, or noticed in your miscellanea I shall be glad to undertake such a task, and thank you very sincerely for your kind intention of placing my name on your list of contributors.

I am quite aware how unsatisfactory this letter will appear, but I am sure you thoroughly apprehend how difficult it is for a man to write about himself, especially if he has to speak of his own proficiency in any department of science.

I beg you to excuse my delay in reply-
ing to your esteemed favour, and

Believe me

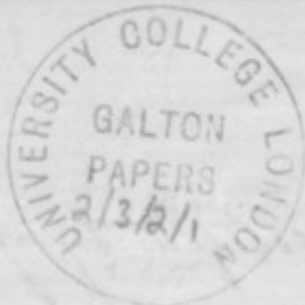
dear Sir

Yours truly

W. W. Barrett:

Francis Galton Esq.

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f. 5r

2 York Grove. Montpelier Road.
Brighton.

February 2nd 1865.

Dear Sir,

I have 'done' Wood's history
of discovery and exploration in Australia;
I hope it will be to your satisfaction,
and have endeavoured to
comply with your requests regarding
both time and space. Should it be
inserted may I beg the favour of a
copy of the Reader from the Office,
I dare say I may introduce it among
a certain circle of friends where it
is not much known.

You will see by the review that
Mr. Woods is personally known to me;
that is why some of the remarks, I
hope not objectionable, take the tone
they do.

Need I add that I feel obliged by your
placing me on the list of contributors, on
which I hope to remain till I go to
New Zealand in May next.

I remain,

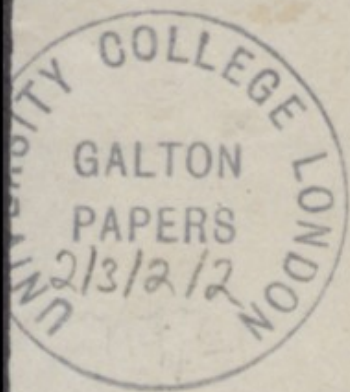
Dear Son
Yours very truly
H. W. Bates

J. Galton Esq.

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The Books I review are sent to the
office.

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40 Bartholomew Road
Kentish Town N.W.

Thursday eveng

My Dear Sir

Since I posted the letter from
the office I find I have made a
blunder in the note about
"Bartlett". If you will send
it me back I will return a
better one.

Yours sincerely
H W Bates



No 1

The Editor
Readers

Sir

I hope that you
will do me justice by
allowing me to answer
in your valuable Columns
a certain Review of my
"Hills Basins" / mislabeled "Hills
Sons") which appeared in

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your issue under date December
10. 1864

The article in question resolves
itself into two parts - the
Sentimental & the Intellectual.

As regards the former it is
natural
~~existent~~ that Capt. Spike's
friends ~~should~~ ^{should} disclose in her
a "feminine selfishness" &
that some should be ungenerous
enough to hide it. My own
friends will mostly determine
that I have not passed the
limits of fair & just criticism,
and the few who know

how much might have been said will agree that a rather remarkable moderation has been exercised.

The "intellectual" part of the Review is a painful display.

Capt. Speke's "inconsistencies of altitude" are reduced to "barely 200 feet", when they nearly $(3740 - 3308 = 432)$ reach 440 ft. The "rather

confused native reports" are to the ear of reason ^{plain} ~~unintelligible~~ and unintelligible: they all told the tale till contradicted and.

silenced by Capt. Speke. The
 non-observance of flood-marks
 to the north of the supposed
 Nyanga water points directly
 to their non-existence: in
 fact how could they be there
 with half a dozen outlets to
 drain a Lake which floods
 13 miles of country at its
 Southern extremity? Though
 Speke did not visit the
 Lake, we are told, "the
 humour of its neighbourhood
 is, in all probability constantly

present to him. But Capt.
Spoke could not understand
the rumour. Firstly he spoke
only a little bad Hindostani,
Secondly he had a mob of
negro interpreters to go through
and thirdly rumour appears
to have said only "Myanza"
meaning "water". The effect
of local enquiry upon the
"Mombas Shipion" who for
some years were nearest the
spot was to throw the

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"Lutere" / mis called Nyanga)
the Tanganyika and the Nyaga
into one body, to the intellectual
ruin of Mr Cooley who will probably
never recover. A critic ought
to have known that the
"Luta Nigize" theory, one of
the most ridiculous ever put
forth by man, was cobbled
up in the map room of
the Royal Geographical Society.
To hide her its merit in
the eyes of those who call
"romantic geography?"

Let us conclude with the
charitable hope that the
Readers geographical writer
will read a little more
before writing for the hon-
orification of a reading
Public. The Readers' readers
will then perhaps be able
to congratulate him upon
his having got rid of a
habit of "petty attacks"
and "ignoble personalities." I

Thank you, your etc.

Believe me, Sir

Yr obed. servant

Rich^d? F. Burton

F. R. J. S.

14 St James's

London

Dec. 16/64

Dear Mr. Galton

Your note has
damaged me. Here is
my article on Metals
which I finished the
night before I got it.

You must try to get it in
for I have taken a good
deal of pains about it
and think it will not do
the Reader any discredit

I can truly say I knew
nothing of the revolution
of which you speak -

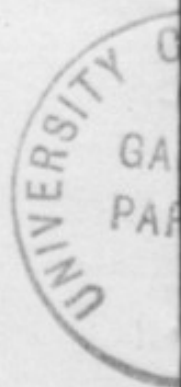
Pierrotte' (the waste)

I will despatch in a
short article - but your
 will much oblige me
 if you will try to prevail
 with Editor to put accept
 the Mass what I
 send by Brook Port. &
 to let him see a Proof.

Yours ever &c

J. F. Prouce.

Sydenham
 Sunday night.



Dear Mr. Dalton

your note has

been sent me. However

in regard to the matter

which I mentioned after

writing before I got it

you will by the way get it in

for the time being - and

beast of you about it

and I am sure you will

be kind to my friend

I am truly yours

Wm. H. Burleigh

I did not speak



Dear Mr. Galton

1000 apologies!

I hope that you have
the article on Mills
& Pirotte's system

was very

Yours

G.P.

Feb 13.



OFFICE OF THE READER,

24, TAVISTOCK STREET, COVENT GARDEN, W.C.



Jan 9 1865

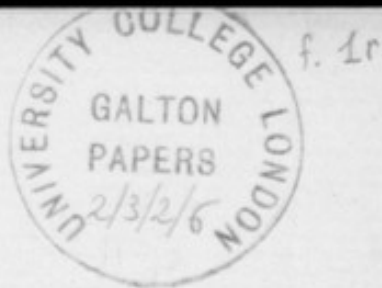
Dear Mr. Galton

Mr. Groves complains
as to the printers is in one
case quite right. They have
quite inexcusably printed
'above' instead of 'below.' I shall
call their serious attention.
In the second ^{or third} case he complains
of. I think he is himself partly
to blame. The word observations
looks to me in his last number

more like 'derivations' and the
word 'careful' is at any rate

not unlike useful.

None of these are
errors that I should myself
have detected. Nobody would have
found out 'useful'. 'Derivations'
I should have thought a technical
term & such is my ignorance
that I should not have known
whether 'above' or 'below' was right.
The truth is that we ought not to have
taken the thing out of the domain of
'Science'. I send you a letter just
arrived.
Believe me Dear Mr. Gulliver
Yours very truly J. R. Ward



21. Leceleston Square
S.W.

24 Dec. 1865

My dear Galton

With regard to reviewing
books, my 'specialite' lies in
subjects connected with Arctic
countries, South America, and
Persia &c. My studies were led
in the latter direction when
I translated Clavijo's journey to
the Court of Timour. I would
also take up any books on India,



a country which interests me exceedingly, and with which of course I now have a good deal to do.

It has occurred to me that an interesting review might be written of a Report I have just received from Dr Birdwood of Bombay, on the Government Museum &c. of Western India. It forms a quarto vol of 160 pages. What do you think?

I hope you will be able to give
a leading article to the North Pole
in the Reader —

yours sincerely

Clement Markham



f. 1r

59, Montagu Square,
London, W.

13/Dec/64

My dear Galton

I send you the names
of the gentlemen in Maçon's
list who are mentioned as
having received books of
Travels &c — I find that
Friday at 4 will be most
convenient for meeting to
give out books — I hope it
may suit you — It is
all one to myself, whether
it is Friday or Saturday —

I think you may be
able to help with an
occasional contribution
to the "Miscellanea" in
w^h the Reader is sadly
deficient - w^h bit of
news to pass the
Biographical & other
courses - I am

Yours truly

W. T. Bell

Ed. Dickey - American Travels -

D. Leeman -

Dean Stanley - Palestine &

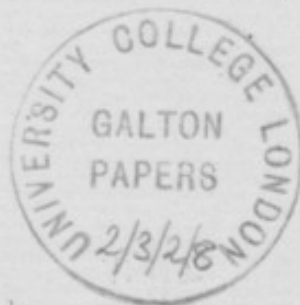
Rev. Isaac Taylor - Ethnology &

Prof. Custod

Rev. Threpp. - Holy Land &

25. Queen's Rd., Gloucester Gate, NW.

25. January, 1865.



My dear Sir,

The preparations for the Opening of our Hall have taken up so much of my time lately, that I was not able to send you any fresh copy. The hall will be opened on Saturday next. I enclose a ticket of admission. If you would like to join us at Supper I should like to know at once, for the tickets are going amazingly fast.

I shall bring the Review on Gymnastics on Monday. I should like to write a notice on the several publications on the German expedition into Central Africa. If you approve of this I will at once look up the books, and order what I cannot find.

I am, Sir, Yours most faithfully

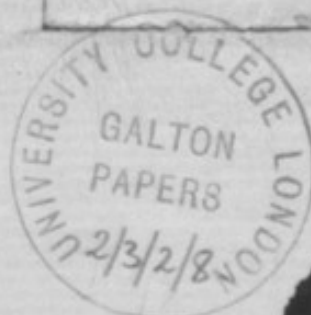
Fr. Galton Esqre.

E. H. Ravenstein

For Review when nt. Reader

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third vol. containing detailed
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and the maps on the eve
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