

## **Biographical Accounts of 1852-1893 and 1895**

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1853 Rome '54 Chambord '55 Scarborough  
Paris exhibition '56 Saarbruck Vienna Dresden.  
'57 Cormeilles Epernay Compiègne '58 Lakes Sachsen  
'59 Lakes, Bonn  
1860. Richmond, Paris '61 Zermatt Monte Rosa  
1/2 Glacis Pilatus Champéry Chamounix '63 Elton  
Stretta Compiègne '64 St Gall, Haute Savoie. '65 Spa  
Holland Bernaerhorn '66 Cannes Neatone Sachsen Lakes  
Nottingham '67 Neatone Sorrento A. Moritz '68. Anvers  
'69 Hidelaag Berlengarden '70. Grindelwald Folkestone  
'71 Scarborough Whitby '72 Brighton '73 Ilmenau Moselle  
'74 Linton Chettle '75 Fontainebleau Murea '76 Bavaria  
Lakes Bourne '77 Taalberg Wells Bourneouth '78 Vichy N. Dore  
Paris exhibition '79 Vichy. Spaaten '80 Donaust. St Bourne  
York Vichy '82 Baden Constance '83 Beaufort

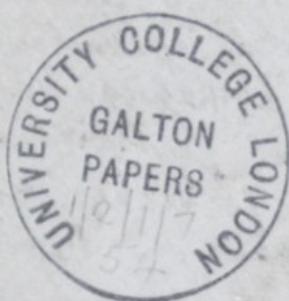
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I am elected as Pres<sup>t</sup> to the International Demo  
graphic Congress.

My Books are Tropical S. Africa

Art of Travel

Meteorology

Heredity Genius 2<sup>d</sup> Ed in 1892

English Men of Science

Human Faculty

Natural Inheritance

Finger Prints 1892

This is fairly correct. Francis Galton Jan 1893.



After returning from Africa in 1852, I went with  
Sir Hyde Parker in his yacht to Norway & returned  
by Scotland, in the autumn, I became ill African fever  
& went to my mother at Clevedon. She with Emma &  
myself took a house at Dover in Decr for the cure  
of my fever, we staid 3 months. There I became so  
acquainted with the Butlers & in April I was engaged  
to the eldest daughter whom I married the following  
Aug. My Book "Tropical S Africa" came out in May &  
I received the Gold Medal of the R. Geograph. Society  
the same month 1853. Thenceforth I took active part  
in the Socy as one of their Council & for many yrs  
was Honorary Secretary. I had a large share in the  
preparations for important expeditions, writing the  
instructions for many of them. I also took great interest  
in surveying & other instrumental details. After my  
election to the Royal Society in 1860, I was nominated as  
one of the Committee of management at Kew Observatory, where  
scientific instruments are tested & have continued so  
since being Chairman since the death of De la Rue.  
I became a Member of the Athenaeum Club in 1856 &  
was elected out of the regular course as eminent in  
science. My connection with Kew brought me in  
close connection with Meteorology at which I worked  
hard & was practically the first to collect

simultaneous records of weather over Europe. I soon pondaed widely & got all the details I could for one month, which was a feat in those early days & from them I discovered & established the existence of Anticyclones (my name) which made a real step in Meteorology. When Government considered the appointment of a Meteorological Council for India in 1864 I was placed on the small Cttee of enquiry & after when the council was appointed I was made one of the few who composed it. (There existed at first a Cttee then a council. This was in 1866 I have served in this ever since & am now its V. Chairman. About the time of the appearance of Darwin's "Origin of Species," I had begun to interest myself in the Human side of Geography & less in a way prepared to appreciate his view. I am sure I appreciated it with far more reading than most people absorbing it almost at once & my after thoughts were permanently tinged by it. Some ideas I had about Human Heredity were fermenting & I wrote Hereditary Genius. In working this out I forced myself to become familiar with the higher branches of Statistics & conscious of the power they gave in dealing with populations as a whole, I availed myself of them largely.

again as human data were the most convenient measurements for working at human heredity I took up Anthropometry & devised various instruments & established an Anthropometric laboratory at the International Health Exhibition <sup>in 1884</sup> at which 8000 persons were measured. These gave me valuable results & were of much use to me. The two most important developments of Statistics I made were the method of intercomparison with the resulting ogival curve the quartile & co forth &  $\frac{2}{3}$  the law of regression in heredity, after extended to Correlation. For my Statistician the R<sup>t</sup> Soc<sup>g</sup> gave me one of their two Annual R<sup>t</sup> Medals in Nov<sup>r</sup> 1886. In looking over my list of memoirs I find I have written 80. The useful part of nearly all these up to the last 2 years are extracted and worked in to one or other of my Books. I have been twice Pres<sup>r</sup> of the Geograph<sup>l</sup> Section of the Brit<sup>sh</sup> Ass<sup>n</sup> of which I was Sec<sup>r</sup> tary from 1863 to 1868 succeeding Mr Hopkins, but resigned on account of my health which for a time, nearly 2 years, was affected by anxious over work. This year I refused to be nominated Pres<sup>r</sup> of the Whole Ass<sup>n</sup>. <sup>(the second being 1879)</sup> I have twice been Pres<sup>r</sup> of the Anthropological Institute

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There has been an unusually barren year with  
me owing partly to effects of influenza and in some degree  
to increasing deafness which now makes attendance at public  
meetings useless and that at committees of little worth. Finger  
print directories were published in May, which completes what  
I have to say on the subject. Since then I have been fully  
occupied, ~~and~~ chiefly on matters that I wanted to understand  
better. My work on heredity & correlation is beginning to excite  
interest of mathematicians, notably of Karl Pearson. During the  
last two months I have been busy in ways of procuring measurements  
of pedigree stock, especially through photography & corrections for  
effects of perspective. The principle seems worked out, but I am not  
yet quite prepared to publish.

(and shortly afterwards I closed my laboratory at S Keats Rd,  
and gave the instruments to Oxford, in charge of Prof. Thompson)

The other work with which I am chiefly engaged are  
of Kew Observatory, which is at length flourishing financially, the Meteorological  
Council, & the Chairmanship of Royal Soc. Com. for measuring plants and  
animals.

