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Manor House. Leyton
May 10 - 1840. -

My dear Father

I should have answered your
former letters, but I did not know where about
you might be, as you were travelling. -
but my Mother having given me your address,
I now write, - and send my accounts, -

Your acc^t and mine agree, except my
last acc^t which you transferred to Roberts &
Co. for £257. 17. 2.. which you have debited me
with, but not credited at same time. -

I mean you have made me Deb^t to you for the sum. but not made me creditor before. —

~~I will~~

SJG. Deb^t to SJG. —

Aug 29 — Mr Mogg. for rug — — —	5	8	0
29. Map of County — — — — —	2	12	0
Oct 29. P^d West mendip friendly society for SJS.	2	10	—
31. Ironmonger's (Parnell) bill — — —	2	16	2
Nov 15. Map of County — — — — —	2	17	0
Dec 31. 2 Cheeses sent home — all — — —	1	6	8
1840 —			
Feb 2 — Spurrers Bill up — — — — —	23	8	0
March 25. Bell. hanging. locks etc — — —	5	1	8
	45	19	6
half expences. cutting drains, ditches, rolling, hams &c	12	0	6
SJG. Deb^t (transfer to Struckey Mr. Chapman advised 2/10 by SJG)	58	0	0

the above are my Deb^t s which please to transfer to me. when convenient. to Struckey. —

The new barn will be begun next week. the
roof of the present one has partly tumbled in.
I saw old Stucky the other day in Bath his
now in town, and desired to be kindly remem-
bered to you - I wish you could come here
before Asthma, and walk about
the hills. I am sure it would do
you good - the air is so pure.

and the sound of a slythe is never heard -

Hammet has not sold the trees cut down
yet. and has some objection to do so. but
for what reason I cannot make out.

With dear love to Emma. Believe me ever
your affectionate son

Thomas Galton





f. 3

LOXTON,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Nov 8. 1886

My dear Frank

Mamma writes about your Gold Medal
So accept my sincerest congratulations, It
is really a great honor. And I quite glory
in your receiving it — I also must
congratulate Louise — on her Brother's great
step — as Master of Trinity — What more
can you two wish for —

I remain here some three weeks
before returning to Leamington for the winter
Very affectionately yours

Ernest Galton

f. 4

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
BANWELL, SOMERSET.

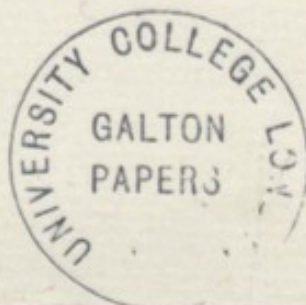
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LOXTON,

WESTON SUPER MARE.

Sunday June 2^d 1895

Dearest Emma

Having now toppled over into the
Eighties - I feel competent to decline all dining
out invitations - And to shut myself up - as
a fogged Byster - "There is a time for all things"
Many thanks for your letter of the 26th - Frank
did send me a ~~copy~~ printed copy of his Cambridge
address - as I could not translate it myself
I got the Christian Parson to ^{do} so - I incline his
ideas - As I think it very nice - If you think
Frank would like to see it - may send it to
him - At all events I should like it returned



as I want to paste it - in Frank's last book
 of finger prints - Which I have purchased
 It is well - and clearly written - I have just
 finished putting on a new roof - to one farm
 house - and begun the other Farm house - on
 Tuesday - We have a nice dry time for doing
 it - Which I ascribe to Mary Louisa - and Frank
 bringing sunshine to Boston - Which has
 continued pretty well - ever since

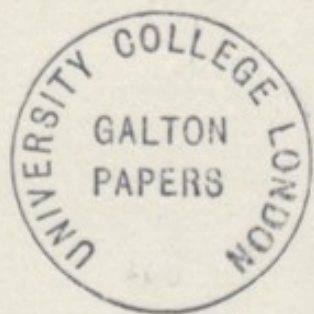
I was sorry to see the death of M^{rs} Lea of
 Ecclestone's ~~death~~ - I had no idea that
 she was ill - She and her Cousin were
 most hospitable - and kind to me -

I do not expect to finish my work here
for fully three weeks - after which I shall
probably be at Leamington for a fortnight
as I have business matters to write up. And
then return to Ryde as usual - as I am not
up to London Hotel life - which is too noisy
for me - I do hope you will have a good
time for your sea side sojourn.

Give my affectionate love to Mary Louisa
and Edward - I only wish I could come North
to see them - But old age - ~~very~~ says NO

Very affectionately yours

Ernest Galton



f.7c



May 17th.
at 2 Doctor of Medicine
Walter
English
Nation

Gallon
Bertie Terrace
Leamington Spa.



Philosophers in a chorus of the Clouds of Aristophanes, for to ^{f. 8} no
other, indeed, of our present Meteorologists should ^{we} be hearkening

It is a lengthy matter to trace the great ability of parents &
their Ancestors, perpetuated in their Offspring, illustrated by their Man
a ^{relation} of Charles Darwin, by the examples of remarkable Men!

It is a lengthy matter to relate the numerous honors & titles won
by himself, accumulated through so many years - But in this place
I am sensible of his eloquence, eleven years ago, as President of
the Anthropological Society & would call him the Measure not only
of the body, but also of the human mind - Amongst the Ancients
indeed, that was a renowned saying of 'Protagoras' "that man is
the measure (Standard)? of all things" - But amongst Moderns
this Man is especially known as one who would wish to examine
the measure "ad amari'm" (to the imprints of finger-prints?) of
all men - in the forth place of the ~~best~~ worst of men

But it is superfluous to say more to-day: for its Secrecy

Our foster Son has revisited to day the College formerly known
to him, who having first explored the River Nile afterwards
traversed Southern Africa, as of another Mercury, as helper and
defender excelled all who had wandered into desert & inhospitable
lands - The same man, as another Prometheus, daringly united
the very winds & storms of heaven to his Province - But, to-day
regards, not without compassion, our College grove, ~~with~~
~~compassion~~ recently too much discoloured by storm, & ~~permit~~
a crown, too long defaced, from its fallen branches to be placed on
his so revered head -

Long time well skilled in the science of Physics (tempests) he
ears gone by, registered the currents of the winds in faithful
records & taught men to forecast the changing weather (the
changing face of heaven) & deserved at least, with one word
altered, the praise attributed to a certain Ancient



f 10

5, BERTIE TERRACE
LEAMINGTON SPA

Feb 10. 1900

My dear Frank

I am so glad to read your interesting
accounts of your travels - which Emma
always lets me read - We have had a very
mild damp season and foggy - till the last
three days - now sharp dry frost with sunshine
at night thermometer down to 16°. Skating going on - no
wind - so charming weather

Emma fairly well - and in excellent spirits
began with bronchitis - as usual - otherwise quite
well - Although I never dine out - consequently
out of the swim - I am told there are few

dinner parties going on. As every one fears
to invite friends - Who at any time may be
in mourning - owing to the war

My own opinion is - the war will shortly
collapse - The Boers refusing to fight - wishing
to go to their farms - As our force is now
getting too strong - and the Orange free state
dread the transvaal Boers - presumptions more
than England's rule

Do not trouble to answer this note - as
I always see you to Emma

I have a finger in hospital - only a Chaf - so
cannot write much

Very affectionately yours

Ed Galton

My love to Evelyn



F. 12r

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"YACHTING" RYDE
TELEPHONE No. 29.

ans^d
May 9

Erasmus Galt

ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB,

RYDE, I. OF W.

May 3. 1905

My dear Frank

I am so very glad to hear you are
now quite well - and on your way home -
Yesterday was bitterly cold - But this morning
we have Sunshine - and all appearance of
Summer coming on.

Your idea about fruit trees is excellent
in theory - but not in practice - Fruit to
be first class - must have Sunshine - and
room - Fruit ^{these} planted as you saw them at
Lorton - have plenty of it - and have two
wide avenues - and two narrow ones - so

that carts may pass between the trees - and
mowing machines - Bush harrows - in fact
Every thing can be done by horse cultivation
in place of manual labour

For instance hay is cut, made, stacked
and finished - entirely by machines

Turnips are cultivated in rows of from 28
to 32 inches apart - Cabbages still wider. to
allow horse hoes to work between - One horse
and one horse hoe - Easily doing the work
of twelve men

The Royal Agricultural Society's Journal
of this quarter - gives a long account of fruit
farming - which I think you should read

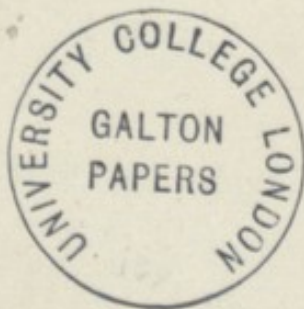
before sending in your paper - which paper I
enclose in this letter for your re-consideration

I would advise - sending it to the
Royal Agricultural Society, or to the Field
to which paper I have sent a few articles
which they accepted

Ever very affectionately yours

Ernst Galton

Ms. Bage, has been so good - as to tell me
every fortnight about you



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"YACHTING" RYDE
TELEPHONE No. 29.

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ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB,

RYDE, I. OF W.

Aug 14. 1906

My dear Frank

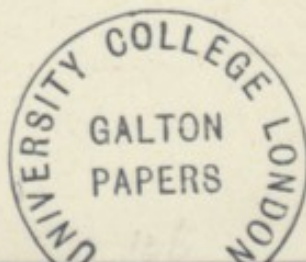
Our friend Collins - is quite wrong
about the Compass points - as used by
seamen. No sailor would dream of saying
N N West by West half North

he would say.

N N West 1/2 West

No doubt Collins has picked the term up among
Yacht's men - Who do make ridiculous mistakes
among themselves - and there is no one to correct
them - In mercy to Collins - pray tell him

Many thanks about Sister Adeline's letter
and of Miller's address.



I am glad you like your quarters so well
 What a Cheerful Companion Tenney. would
 make for me - How we would converse
 and understand each other - Like
 yourself and the Camel did some 40 years
 since at the Zoo - When the Camel flopped
 down on its knees, at toppled over a Lot of
 Children and two Ancient parties - I simply
 made a run for it - yourself ditto

I get afloat in steamers often - But not
 in sailing vessels

How curious it is - how people keep on
 using old terms - now useless - The newspapers

and others constantly say. Such and such - a
 Companies steamers Sail on such a day - In place
 of saying, Leave - They carry no sails - and have
 no masts except for signal, uses.

I as well as possible - but the Toss by a
 cow - three years since - has spoilt my
 walking power - and my sea legs

Ever very affectionately yours

Wm Galton

P.S. - kindest remembrance to Eva

Erasmus Galt

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TELEGRAMS TO
BANWELL,
SOMERSET.

LOXTON,

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Sept 6-1906

My dear Frank

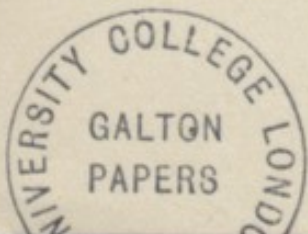
Your last letter to me was dated Aug 26 - so I fear
I am behind in my epistles - I left Ryde last Monday
week - stopped at Southampton for four days to visit
old friends in the New forest - and came on here
last Saturday morning - All about Salisbury the land
was quite dried up - But Thunder storms has kept
this parish green - and vegetation full of growth
but rain would be a blessing

I am unfit for London - my movements being
so slow - owing to the Cough trying two or more
years since - and I hear that motor cars in London
are what the Americans call - "A caution"

I have thoughts of setting up a house in Leamington
with a good large garden - As a harbour for an old
sailor to end his days - And not very far from
Edward Wheler - to see after my Cremation - Which
he has promised to do

I am very very much interested in a series of
books published by a Society at Sixpence each
with a good print - R. P. A. Charles Darwin - Augustus
Clodd - Arnold - Great Allen - Stuart Mill - Lacey - and others
25 Vols in all - Many of them I have already read
What a change they will make in Belief
and old Dogmas go to the wall and be wiped
out

About our mutual friends and his compares
the cause of mistakes being made - Is in British
Merchant Vessels - more than half the Crew - are
foreign - and cannot understand English Orders



I well remember being on board a Government pilot brig
in the year 20 - or 1831. at the Sunderlands off the
mouth of the Calcutta river Hooghly - in taking
instead of the Command "Redy About" it was
Teeran Tanga Tanga, and so on - What a puzzle
it must be at first - even to an Educated man

I am rather expecting Arthur Galton next
week - for three days - How glad I should be if you
could once again - visit Ixorton. It cannot be very long
before Edward Wheler will step into my shoes

August. Galton was looking very thriving when I met
them in Ryde

Ever. very affectionately yours

Edw Galton

