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Royal Observatory, Greenwich,
London, S.E.

1872 October 16

Dear Sir

Can you give me a few
words on the steps made in Geography
within the last year? This is not
official, but merely for my private
information and as guiding me to a
sentence or two in my Presidential
Address.

Naturally I ~~to~~ shall have to
allude to Livingstone (among others)
but briefly and cautiously.

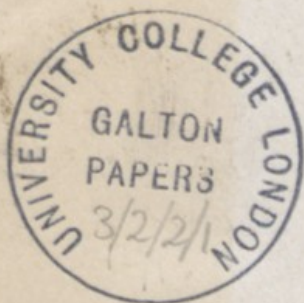
Dear Sir,

Yours truly

G. H. King

Francis Galton Esq





Francis Galton Esq. F.R.S.
5, Berlie Terrace
Leamington
Warwickshire

U.



Newcastle upon Tyne
2 June 1864

My dear W. F. Allen

I now enclose a list
of foreigners distinguished
in connexion with
mechanical science &
who might properly be
invited to the Birmingham
Meeting of the British
Asso. I have no means
of furnishing the addresses
but where these cannot
be readily obtained in
England, the invitations

might be forwarded
to some official person
in Paris to be sent
to their destination

Believe me
very truly
W. F. Brewster



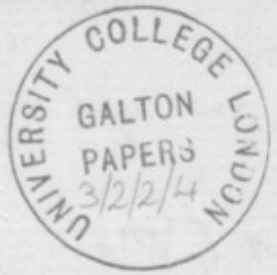


My dear Sir
Many thanks
for your very interesting volume
It is one of the very few
that I can afford to read
through which I shall
certainly do with great
interest. I shall im-
mediately send out one to my
son in South Australia
and I much regret not
having been acquainted with it
before he went on his ex-
ploration as it might
have been of the greatest service
to him. My dear Sir
Yours truly
Dorothy
March 17 1857 C. B. May

J. Bain

ATHENÆUM CLUB

PALE MALL S.W.



Dear Mr Galton,

As I find that
Mr Spencer has
been allowed to
give me a
Chapman-house ticket
intended for him,
I return the one
you have sent me,

in case you may
still find some
person desirous of
being present.

Yours faithfully

AB cin

25, WILTON PLACE.
S.W.

Dec 18/02

My dear Mr Galton

What is the name of the
gas-burner you spoke of as giving
out so much light? and is it supplied
by all gas-fitters or is it only some
special one that you had it from
a word in reply would much
oblige

Yours sincerely

George Deighton



Sir Wm Bowman

5thth A

Nov 21.

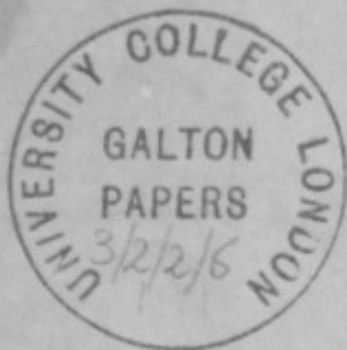
Hyderabad . 78

The meeting was
very small - and com-
munications were made
reading record. - Some
rough notes you will
find of desultory

! Conversation for quarry
as Treasurer, not for
the minutes. In
these days of summer

GALTON/3/2/2/6

Envelopes, no wax was
to be got at Wells's, so
I was fain to lock the
box & bring off the key,
which I send herewith.
I hope you will
soon be about again.



Yours sincerely
Edmund



Jan 18
1867.

My Dear Captain Galton

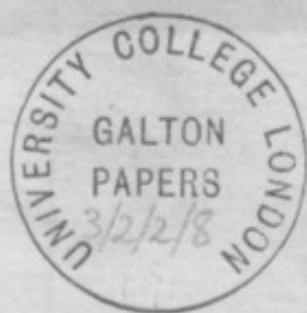
Please read my
article on the ice
accident in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Lana}
I Water & ^{sent tomorrow} ~~also~~ my
Leads.

Could you kindly
suggest anything
about the ice.
Please give me

12 small 270
1000 270
1000

a little sort of
to travel on the
subject

Yours ever
Frank Buckton



Dear Gallon.

I caught cold the evening I saw you & have rather a bad cough; I must therefore give up the pleasure I should otherwise have had in keeping my engagement to you today. Believe me yours very sincerely
A. Cayley

2 Stone Buildings W.C.

Tuesday

Camendish Laboratory
Cambridge
26 Feb 1879

Dear Sir

I enclose my subscription
to the Philosophical Club.

I am sorry that I have been
so little able to attend their
meetings.

Yours very truly

J. Clerk Maxwell.



Do you take any interest in *Fiat Fate, Free Will*
de. If so Boussinesq [of hydrodynamic
reputation] "Conciliation du véritable
déterminisme mécanique avec l'existence de
la vie et de la liberté morale." (Paris 1878)

Does the whole business lie the theory of the
singular solutions of the differential equations
of motion. Two other Frenchmen

have been working on the same or
a similar track. Cournot (now dead)
and de St Venant [of elastic reputation
Torsion of Prisms &c.]

Another, also in the ~~same~~ engineering line
of research. Philippe Breton seems
to me to be somewhat like minded with
these.

There are certain cases in which a
material system, when it comes to
a phase in which the particular
path which it is describing coincides
with the envelope of all such paths
may either continue in the particular
path or take to the envelope (which in
these cases is also a possible path)
and which ~~course~~ it takes is not determined
by the forces of the system (which are the
same for both cases) but when the bifurcation
of path occurs, the system, ipso facto, involves
some determining principle which is
extra physical (but not extra natural)

to determine which of the two paths it is to follow.

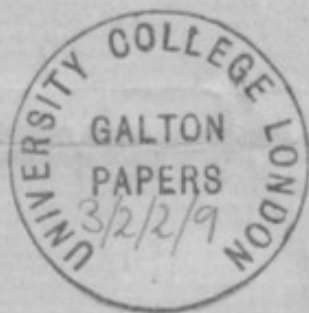
When it is on the enveloping path it may at any instant, at its own sweet will, without exerting any force or spending any energy, go off along that one of the particular paths which happens to coincide with the actual condition of the system at that instant.

In most of the former methods Dr Balfour Stewart & Co there was a certain small but finite amount of travail de crachant or trigger-work for the Will to do. Boussinesq has managed to reduce this to mathematical zero, but at the expense of having to restrict certain of the arbitrary constants of the motion to mathematically definite values, and this I think will be found

in the long run, very expensive.

But I think Bouscenes's method
is a very powerful one against
metaphysical arguments about
cause and effect, and much better
than the insinuation that there
is something loose about the laws
of nature, not of sensible magnitude
but enough to bring her round in time.

Yours very truly
John Maxwell



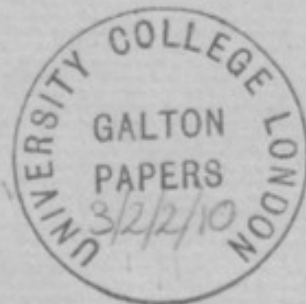
85-
Judge's Lodgings Stepney
17th March. 1889

Dear Mr Galton

My date will show you that it is
not possible for me to be at the
Museum tomorrow as I am in
the midst of heavy assay work here -
I want to have done all in my
power for you with pleasure had
I been in London. I don't think
you need be under any apprehension -
your Uncle's nephew is safe enough.

Yours very truly

Coleridge



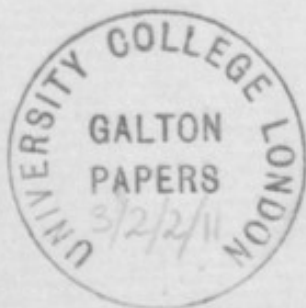
4 Grosvenor Place. Jan 2^d 1868

My dear Mr Galton

You were
quite right in ^{not} trusting
fatuous health to a
most villainous plummy
evening. - We eat "a
Turk" without you but
only not half so pleasantly
as if you had been
with us & that is all.

Yours.

Wm Smith.



He died the following May.

4 Quaston Place. April 14th 1868

My dear Father,

I have looked
in vain for the Papers
on Abyssinia, but the
copy you mention, the
relation of Mr. Dervise
ought not to be disappointed.
and therefore I send you
for her a spare copy of
our last Vol! & in it
the Papers chiefly taken

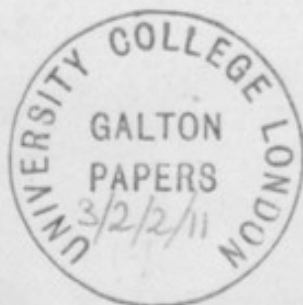
Yours faithfully T.R.S.

from Mr Plowden very
able Report is before.

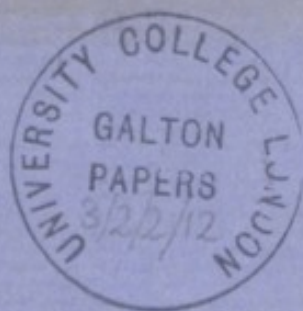
It was a good hit of
mine & borne from
Mr Plowden, for I put
by it a number meeting
of the Society & the Papers
reason such request that
I was obliged to print a
second edition and
copies were sent on even
to Abyssinia! - I am
greatly flattered by the
good opinion of your

mother to whom I beg to
offer my regards and respect,
Mr Francis falton and I &
the rest of us are under
heavy obligations to him
for giving us one £. for n.
very sincerely yours
Wm Smith

Mr falton, please tell her
is not so far in advance of
me as she flatters herself
— only 6 months for I have
made the calculation
H.



Jan. 23^d



sent.

My dear Galton

The Rabbits have all lost

their patches & are

grey & different tints;

so you were right.

They are quite mature

now & ready to breed.

We have just 2 Doves

& a buck, for our

new generation.

Had you not better have

The others soon, as

we ^{soon} ~~like~~ ^{want} them

for the Breeders? -

Have you seen Mr

Crocker? - I

hope to hear

from him, as I

for the 1st. feel

entire confidence

in your conduct

Ever yours

Sincerely

Ch. Darwin

Dec/81 4. Bryanston R.
Sunday 18th

My dear Galtton

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

I have been wishing to call on
you & Mrs. Galtton, but I have
not been very well during the
whole of last week, & have not
been able to do a quarter of
the things which I wished to
do. - We return home ^{early} on
Tuesday morning, & if you sh^d.
happen to have nothing to do tomorrow
(Monday) evening between 4 & 6 P.M.,
will you call here that we
may just have a sight of you.
Yours very sincerely
Ch. Darwin

George Darwin
Mr. C. C. Lamb.
Nov 30. 80

My dear Galton,

Will you put me down for
one guinea for Mr. Hooker's portrait.
I am coming to town on Thursday
& Friday (to 6 Dec: Ann St, I think)
& will pay you then.
When shall I be likely to
find you.

Yours affectionately

G. H. Darwin

paid Dec 3/80



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Photographs

George Darwin

GALTON/3/2/2/14

Saturday 1 August
1840 Salop

My dear Sister

Susan who is the only one of my family
with me joins in congratulations on the
intended marriage of her cousin with
Miss Phillips. it is a fortunate attachment
being so agreeable both to you and to Mr
Galton. I trust they will be as happy
as you wish them.

You kindly mention my sons. they are both
far from well tho' from what I hear
better than they have been & improving.

Just while on a visit to Mr. Broth. Charles
had the pleasure of saying you son Francis
of whom I hear a most satisfactory account
in every respect.

I have not heard of Sir Francis since he
wrote to communicate the marriage of
his daughter and as you observe it is
only on such occasions we write I think
I have the prospect of more letters from him.
He did hold out some hope of their
coming this summer to see us.

My daughter Marianne & Caroline are
both well. Catherine is gone on a visit.

& some cousins in Pembrokeshire.

With our kindest regards to your family
Write ever dear Mrs Galton

Your affection brother

Robt Darwin



Dr Robert Darwin
Father of Charles Darwin

Go Darwin

1 May 1840

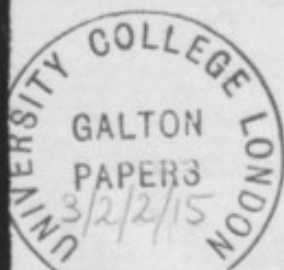
General Register Office
1884 March 12

Sir

I am very sensible of
the honor which the Council
of the British Association
has done me in nominating
me to the Presidency
of Section 7 (Statistics)

And I have great
pleasure in accepting the
office.

I have the honor to be
yours faithfully
W. Farr



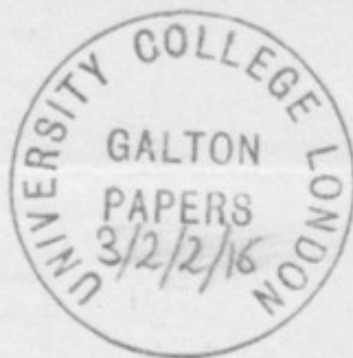
F. Galton Esq. FRS

General Secretary, British Association



20, LANGHAM PLACE.

28th April 84



My Dear Mr Galton,

I would have had
very great pleasure in
dining with you on the
14th of May, had I not already
accepted a dinner engagement
on that day, which unfortunately
put me out of my room
to-day.

With much regret thus

It should happen then
Sincerely

Yours
J. W. Weyman

46 Upper Harley

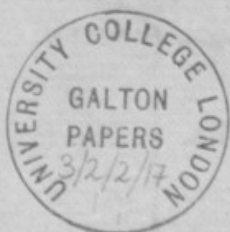
St June 24
1885

Dear Mr Galton

Your letter is a
surprise to me that
a very gratifying one
It would be
affrontation to say
that I should not
feel proud to
occupy a position
so honourable &
so influential on
the progress of

GALTON/3/2/2/17

since. It is not
without anxiety
that I accept & I
can only say that
should the choice
of yourself & Messrs
be ratified I will
earnestly endeavour
to do no discredit
to the selection.



very truly yours
W H Grove

F Galton Esq
his son

I have
accepted
nomination
Pres: 1866



Sept 29th 1873

My dear Sir I need not say that I am much gratified by your letter of the 27th Inst.

For a week or so I shall be occupied with some work which was suspended for the schedule, but on its completion I will endeavour to procure the further information you desire.

Do me the favour to present my

Francis Galton Esq. F.R.S.

Yr Yr Yr



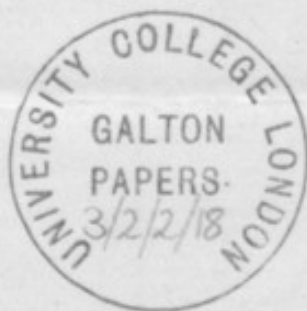
respectful compliments to the
venerable lady Mrs. Galton, whom
I remember to have seen occasionally
on the lawn of Ladywood House
with her children, & whom I
regarded with especial interest as
being the daughter of the author
of "The Botanic Garden." — a poem
held in the highest admiration by

my father & his family. of which
(bad as is my memory) I could
even now recite several portions.

Believe me to remain

Very truly yours,

Robert Hill.





9 May 1882

My dear Galton

There is nothing
whatever in the article
you have marked with
a X to which I have
the slightest claim

The construction given
of the stereographic representation
of a great circle passing
through two given points

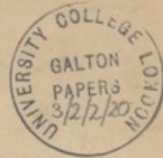


is not mine at all and
has nothing in common
with mine I dare say it
is quite correct but
I have not had time
to verify it.

Yours very truly

J Archer

Birmingham. April 24th. 1828.



My dear Sir,

I beg to offer you my best thanks
for your kind letter, & shall feel much obliged
to you to express to Mr. Horzen my grateful
acknowledgements for the communication
contained in it. The subject involves so
many considerations & is of so much import-
-ance to myself that I have not been able
since I received your letter to bring my
mind to a determination about it, & I
trust that no inconvenience will arise
from a little further delay. I intend, as soon
as some professional engagements here will
permit, to pay my usual visit to London,
& if possible, I should like to defer my
determination on the subject of your letter

Wm. Hodgkin

24 April 1828

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GALTON

until that visit, when I could have an opportunity of seeing Dr. Moore. In the mean time, however, the subject will continue to engage my deepest consideration, & if an earlier determination is essential I will endeavor to give it, though I should much like a little delay if possible. —

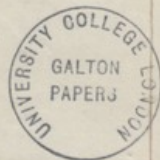
The manner in which Mr. Partridge's qualifications for the Demonstratorship of Anatomy have been regarded must be very gratifying to all his friends —

I hope I shall have an opportunity of
seeing you soon - As I have not heard
from the Larches since you left home
I conclude that all are well there. -

Behave me, by dear hi,

Yours very faithfully,

J. Hadzson.



Dr. Charles
H. H. H.



Nov 14/84

My dear father

When I say our mother
I could mean as if answer
the very kind letter inviting
me to be put in nomination
for the Presidency of S P of
the British Association - But
the reasons that have on several
former occasions, obliged me
to decline this honor, act
more forcibly every year.

My opportunities of traveling
here must depend on my
father's convenience, as we
cannot both be away together,



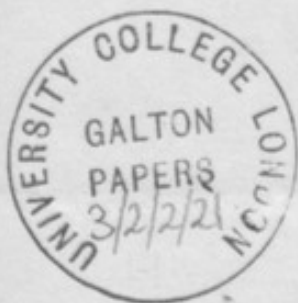
Autumn

This period of absence, depends
on the movements of the few
remaining old friends, who
we annually visit ^{at that season}. There again,
if I expose myself to the
British Association, I forego
my chance of going abroad,
which I much want to do,
as I have not been so fortnightly
away ~~at the~~ time since
1861. Under these circum-
stances I must refrain from
accepting the offer; & I do so with
the more contentedly since I feel

interfused that you can get
men for better qualified to
head a section in which
Botany never had much place,
& in which Ethnology with I
hope be largely represented.

Very sincerely
Yours

J. Hooker



Royal Gardens
Here June 14,
1852.

My dear Sir

Not only are the
Seeds (especially of the
Palm) acceptable, but
the Tobacco also. Every
interesting Vegetable
product is acceptable
from Garden or to
our Museum.

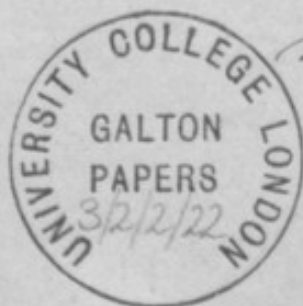
Faithfully

my dear Sir,

Yours,

W. J. Hooker,

Francis Galton Esq





Cambridge
Aug. 3, 1863

My dear Galton,

In consequence of
Phillips's retirement from
the office of General Secretary,
which he has held tempora-
rily the last year, a Committee
was recently appointed by
the Council of the Brit. Assoc.
to recommend a successor
to the office. According to the
general rule of the Association
there ought, as you are probably
aware, to be two General Se-
cretaries, and one paid Aspi-
rant Secretary, now Mr. Grib-
bith of Jesus Cole: Oxford
who has succeeded Phillips in
that office, and during the
past year Phillips has nomi-
nally held the office of one
of the General Secretaries.

in consequence of my illness last autumn. The purpose at present is to elect ^{recd} a permanent General Secretary as my coadjutor, Griffith taking the laboring part as Phillips has done before him. Now comes the question - Will you accept the office if offered to you? The Committee are Sir R. Murchison, Sabine, Vernon Harcourt, Phillips & myself, and I think I may venture to say that, in proposing you ~~among~~ them will be no dissentient voice. The office is a very pleasant and gentlemanly one, requiring of course attention and courtesy, without much

time or trouble. On account
of my absence last year
Phillips will act with me
at Newcastle this year.
After that he will retire
entirely, but I am now
getting pretty an fait at
the work, and should of
course take it as much as
might be necessary on my-
self till my future coad-
jutor should have gained
the requisite experience. I
need scarcely say, I hope,
how much I should re-
joice if you could be in-
stalled as my partner.

Believe me
Yours very truly
W^m Atkins

F. Galtor Esq
I shall be here till about

Th. 20th inst. I then ~~pro~~
set out on my way to New
castle. Let me hear from
you at your earliest con-
venience.

—
1863
ask me to be
Joint Sec^y to the
Bristol Assocⁿ

UPPER TULSE HILL. S.W.

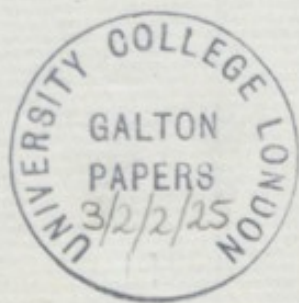
20 Nov. 1886

My dear Galton,

Allow me to join
in the many congratulations you
will receive on the award to
you by the Royal Society of
one of their medals. A
recognition that your work
so well deserves.

Yours sincerely
William Huggins.





Des Mr. Byr

My dear Galton

I have told Mr. Comte
of the intended note that
the Royal Society does not
make expeditions to Kabyshan
& that I can't help him.

But it strikes me that
the Geographical might
interest him - so I bring
him under your notice



All I know about him is
that we travelled by the
one day in that blessed railway
to reach here for got in to
Ipswich about four hours
late - and then embarked
in a wonderful carriage which
went to smash on the Redrivers
wonderful road between
Ipswich & Cairn -
Under these circumstances

Mr. Lounis' knowledge of the
language & general
kindness ~~was~~ very
useful

Don't take the number
I am now in

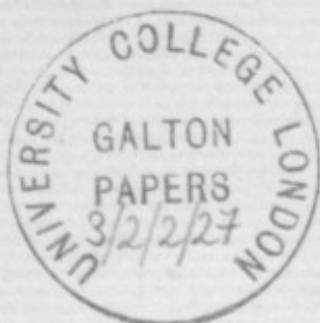
See summary viz

J. H. M. J.

Dr. Lapham will have
much pleasure in
dining with Mr. Galton
on Saturday the 14th
next at 6 o'clock.

Beed Lane
Saturday Feb 1843

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
GALTON
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High Elms
Farnborough, R.S.O.
Kent.

5 Feb 89

My dear Galton

Could you come to us on
Saturday 9th for Sunday?

I am

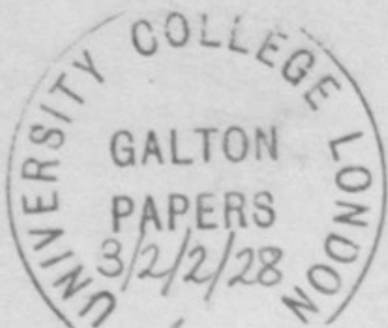
Yours very truly
John Lubbock

F. Galton

1820
1821
1822

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Received of
the
Cash for
the
year
1820
the sum of
Eighty
Pounds



Lucy
July 29
1864

Dear Galton

I think we must
admit that under the
circumstances & the severe
disappointment of C. M.
this is as good a letter
as we could have hoped.

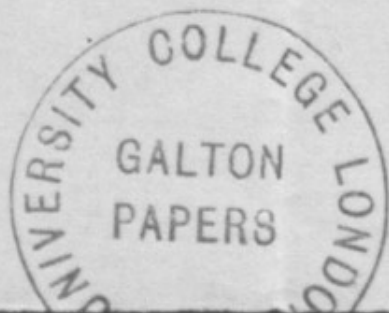
I am inclined

if Murchison & Co.
should fail in getting
their African lions to
exhibit themselves And
we should fall back
on Mr C. Moore but
we had better say
nothing about it.

I think C. M. shows
so much sense that
he would not resent
the slight but giving
a lecture is invited
at the last moment.

I wrote a very
careful letter to him

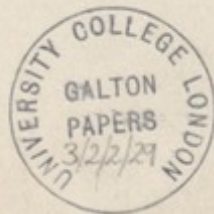
trying to soothe his
feelings as much as
I could & taking my
fair share of the responsi-
bility & assuring him
that his claims were
fully recognized by the Com-
mittee



Wm T. Lyell
Chas Lyell



Mariamne North
at home
Mount House. Alderley
May to November
as long as life lasts





Sheen Lodge, Richmond Park.
S. W.

February 7th, 1889.

My dear Sir,

I feel very much
obliged by your kindness in sending
me the valuable information
correcting the extent of range to
the South which I had been led
to assign to the Gorilla. I have
no doubt it must be restricted, in
that direction, as you, from reliable

personal experience point out.

Believe me

always truly yours.

Robt Owen.



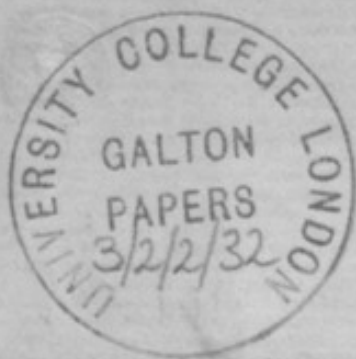
1 Arundel Place
Hanover Square W.
Sept. 11. 1877

Dear Galton

Let me thank you for your
address which I have just had the
pleasure of reading. The account of
criminals might have made me miserable
but that I have also read to-day
Carpenter's Life of his sister.

Sincerely yours
James Paget.





Oxford
29 May 1884

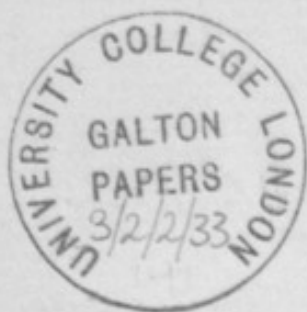
My dear Sir

I have been investigating
the corrections for my
duoid, and have
examined others. The
result is that such
errors of scale & renewed
variations of reading
occur when temperature

of the Instrument
varies: I have
obtained equations
for my own Instrument;
but the others all
differ from it - so as
to have different values
of $E \cdot L$ in different



directions + for -
him. Is any investigation
of this sort published?
I am going to Switzerland
in 10 days & shall then
apply my connections to
some few measures.
Can you tell me any
thing about it?
Edgworth
J Phillips



68, Onslow Gardens,
South Kensington.

23 March 82

My dear Galton

I am desirous to enlist
your sympathies in favour of
Prof. Frazer's Candidature
before the Committee of the Athenaeum.

Some years ago, without knowing
that he was so much in ordinary
turn for election, I proposed him
to the Committee for election. He was
so pleased that he withdrew his

name (stupidly as I think) from
being put up in the ordinary way
in order that the Committee might
elect him. On the day too
considering his claims I was
delayed in Parliament & he lost
it by a single vote. There always
therefore felt uncomfortably
responsible.

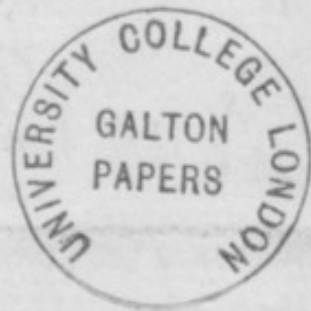
Fraser is the last of the
old school of Ferguson. Blair,

Brown, Hamilton who Landed
so much for Scotch philosophy.

The University of Oxford recognized
this & asked him to write the
Life of Berkeley & to edit his
works which have issued by the
Oxford Press in 1871. Fraser

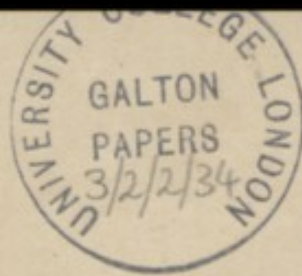
is the perfect type of a Scotch
Metaphysician - When Scotch Metaphysics
won those of the world. He goes

Slowly into the New Experience
Philosophy, but so much the
better for its Critical Examination.
He is also the most Chubbable
& pleasant Companion



Yours Truly,
Lyon Playfair

Lord Play has nominated
him to the Committee.



27th March 1879

My dear Galton

I counted on
meeting you at the Athenaeum
& delayed my reply. I am
much obliged to you but
I think I must decline.
To tell the truth the
messing clause is fatal.
It involves a seven miles
journey back & forward



between these regions and
Cromwell Crescent.

I highly approve of your
Memorial to the Commissioners
having had a deal to do
with Physical Geography
in my day. If you look
into the 5th Edition of my
Physical Geology & Geography
of Great Britain you will

see explained all the
processes from the earliest
times that Britain has
passed through to attain
its present form, the special
physical origin & history
of some of its rivers, the
origin of the present
distribution of its inhabitants
&c. &c. I think it is the
first book in which a
country has been analysed
in that manner & it
says something for students

that it sells freely.

Ever truly

And^{ry} Parusay

My dear Sir

I thank the pleasure of acquainting
you that you have been this morning
unanimously elected a member of the
Atheneum.

Sincerely yours

Edmund Selous

Tuesday —



Francis Galton Esq.

Genl Sabine



13. Ashley Man Feb. 24

Dear Mr. Galton.

I am very much obliged to you for so kindly writing yesterday, though much distressed by the information your note contained. It will be some consolation to Mr.

Galton to know that the Council of yesterday was got through with as little inconvenience resulting from his absence as could possibly have been imagined. Whilst his friends and

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even his warmest admirers,
(amongst whom I may claim
to be one) could not be
otherwise than well satisfied
with the sympathy and
concern which were obviously
so generally felt. and by
many expressed. We
shall be glad to hear that
you are both safely arrived
in that charming region
which is specially lovely in
early spring. With warmest
cries from us both,

most sincerely yours

Edward Sabine





Thank you very much
dear Mr Galton; but
we are expecting a
relation to stay with
us, and she will be
with us on the 16th.

But a still greater
impediment to our
having the pleasure
of coming to you is
that my husband finds
that when he drives
out he either knocks
himself up, or else
must forego, for the getting.

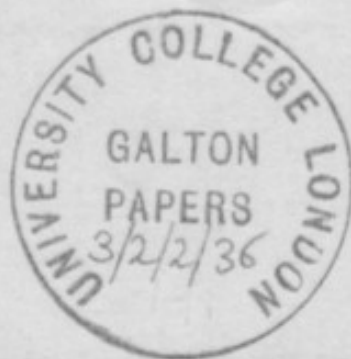
on

with the work which he
is so anxious to
advance and to complete
~~that~~ several additional
hours beyond those
actually occupied in
society. Thus he comes
practically, to almost
give up dining out,
with the one exception
of the Royal Society
Club. - He has not made
a rule of this absolutely
yet, always thinking that
he may feel left pressed

When his work has come on
one stage more, but
he knows that ^{that} will
not be the case at
the time in question.
So with our united
most cordial regards
and regrets please
excuse us, and believe
me always
Very sincerely yours

Missbeth Sabine

Feb. 3



Norwich Tuesday
Mar 3.

My dear Mr. Fenn



At Norwich you
are all creatures of night.
We live here in the light of day;
& I would write to say that
my Canonical hour of
Dinner (on Thursday) is
six. Can you come down
to that hour? Don't how-
ever believe that I am
punctual to a minute
I can give half an hour's
law without breaking my

cook's heart - I regret
- mention that I have
a piano in my room &
very thirsty ears; & I trust
therefore you will reach
them with sweet sounds.
My musical library is
however down at, O; I
trust therefore you will put
up some of the material
of song with the carrier.

I would that wine is enough.

My kindest regards & all
to your Circle.

Very truly yours

A. L. D. Quick



40 Kensington Sq^{re}
W
Wedn. Dec. 22.

My dear Galton, —

Have you a day within
the next six or eight when
you could come to dine
with us? — My friend
Henri Duveyrier has just
come to spend Christmas
with us, and I want to
give him the pleasure of
meeting you again.

All days are the same

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to us, so, if you can find
a vacant one in your book,
just send me word which it
is, and tie a Knot in
your handkerchief to be
here at 7 o'clock. -

Just at this time of
year it is not easy to get
folk, together away from
their individual plum pudding;
but if I succeed in nailing
you, I will try to get two
or three other friends for the
same day. - Ever yours

John Simon.



London
Glasgow
19 Aug 1866

My dear Galton

I am ashamed to find
that I omitted to answer
your letter about the wind
chart - It reached me
just before I left London
and I meant showing it
to me and answer
it from this but unfortunately
omitted to do so. & it kept out of my
mind

I have however with
me a set of what has

owned to you. It seems
bore that you must be
right in supposing that
to present a proportion of
observations in Calms
must be to transgress of
letting observations
indiscriminately

I do not remember the
purpose of the ^{of men} which you
got from Babington - I
have at various times thought

that the wind curves might be
made to give more definite
information by means of the
areas enclosed between two
radial vectors but I do not
remember ever coming to
any thing very definite -

I am about to take to
start on a cruise in the
well lighted in my father's
boat with Mr. Smith &
to two trips - but the
weather is very unpromising

I wish you could go with
us & escape this D. association
Hope you will be over with
yourself there.

Yours most truly

Frederick Smith



25 April 1882

University Museum.

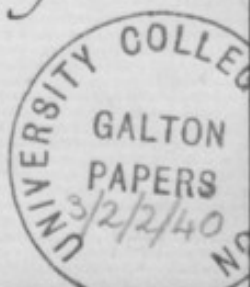
Oxford.

Dear Galton,

I am sorry to
say that Acland forbids,
or nearly forbids, my attending
the Funeral tomorrow, on
account of the probably
long time for which we
would have to stand. I
give it up most unwillingly

ever very truly yours

Henry J Smith



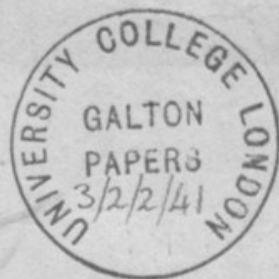
Dear Sir

I shall have much pleasure in
receiving you this evening, I regret that
Mrs Galton is unwell but I hope to
make her acquaintance before you
leave Spezia

Yours truly

Mary Somerville

Francis Galton Esq^r
L. S. S.



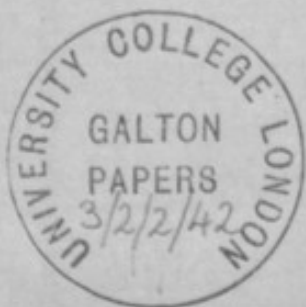


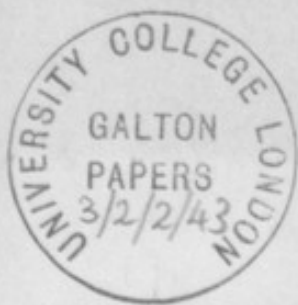
9 March 78

Dear Galton

This day week,
the 16th at 7, a
few friends will dine
with me here - Frederick
Harrison & Morley of the
Portsmouth among others.
Will you give me the
pleasure of your company
as one of the number?

Sincerely yours
Herbert Spencer





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شوبري نس حتى انظر

ال..... الكبير

الداعي

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سبرطيود

J.O.

By which piece of paper, I mean
 to propose coming to you on Sa-
 turday morning instead of
 tomorrow; because tomorrow
 I am going down to the city -
 up to see some practices of
 Armstrong's gun. -

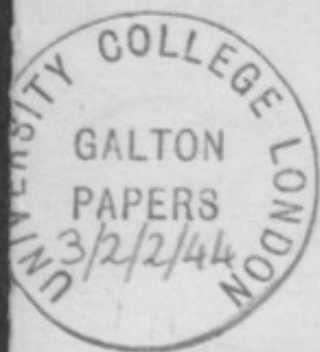
If I do not hear to the
 contrary, I will conclude
 that it suits you. -

I have along letter from the
Arabic Prof. at Dublin about
Arab authorities, I will bring it.

At Hoagarth's in Hagmarket
there is a photograph. of a
scene in Sinai; but it is only
a single view. -

Ever^y W. P. Hoagarth





27 Feb. 1879



Dear Mr Galton

There is to be
a special meeting
of the Cambridge
University Com-
mission at 4-30
on 8 April. I think

to be able to be at
the Meeting of
the Phil. Club.

I have felt a
very humble and
depricate spirit
as to the effect
of crossing rivers

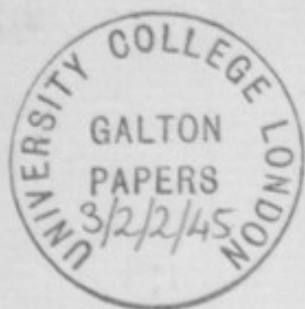
barometer.

Yours sincerely



G. G. Stokes

It is doubtful
whether I shall
be over at the
Club



12 Jan 1885

Dear Mr Galton —

In Letter 1 — line 2 —

Please read

And deep enthusiasm of his
drowsy mood —

Also in Letter 2 —

3^d line now runs

A murmured wish but me accept
the type

6th line is

Touched with faint echoes of the
still-voiced choir

8th line is

While some were moved with wonder
to enquire

and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N

The screen that pictures to the left
I turn.

I will do myself the pleasure of
sending you a copy of the new edition
containing these changes -
Meanwhile I shall be glad
if you will kindly correct as
indicated the copy you have done
me the favor to accept and read
I should be very grateful
for any queries or criticisms

which may occur to you - on
the corrected text - and remain

Yours very truly

J. I. Sylvester

I hope you like the "Revised" -
it cost me a good deal of labor
to get right - Do you approve
of Dead leaves of Memory?
Stanza 46.4 -



Jan 21, 1872



Dear Galton

Many thanks for
your letter and all
the trouble you
have taken in the
matter. I am sorry
that it is as you
tell me, and in
the circumstances
I think it better that
no proposal should

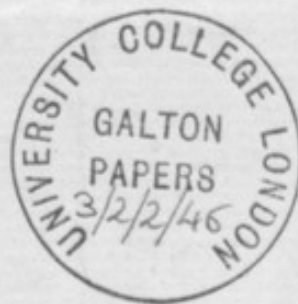
be made to the Committee
in respect to Mr
Pender this year. It
is possible that members
of the Athenaeum may
take a different view
later, and that it
may be thought right
another year to propose
Mr Pender for election
by the Committee. Mean.

time his name I presume
stands in the book of
candidates for ordinary
election.

Believe me

Yours truly

William Thomson



Friday

My dear father.

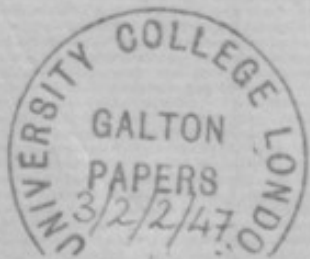
Herbert Spencer

Myself are both low in
health: ~~we~~ would for

Come with us tomorrow / Saturday

6th May 1871. (1871)

Does sea air restore us?



Yours truly

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 H. Tudak



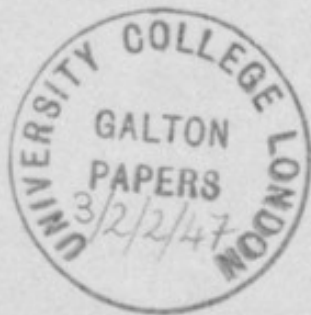
26th Nov.
—

My dear Mr. Galton

I will come to see you some-
day soon, but driving out is an impossi-
bility with me at present.

I have broken my bow for
the sake of Mr. Goble - but there she is
83 or 84.

Yours ever
Wm. J. Wall



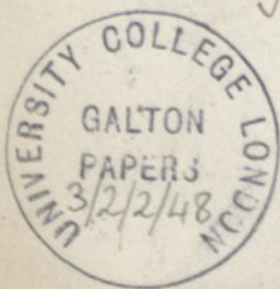


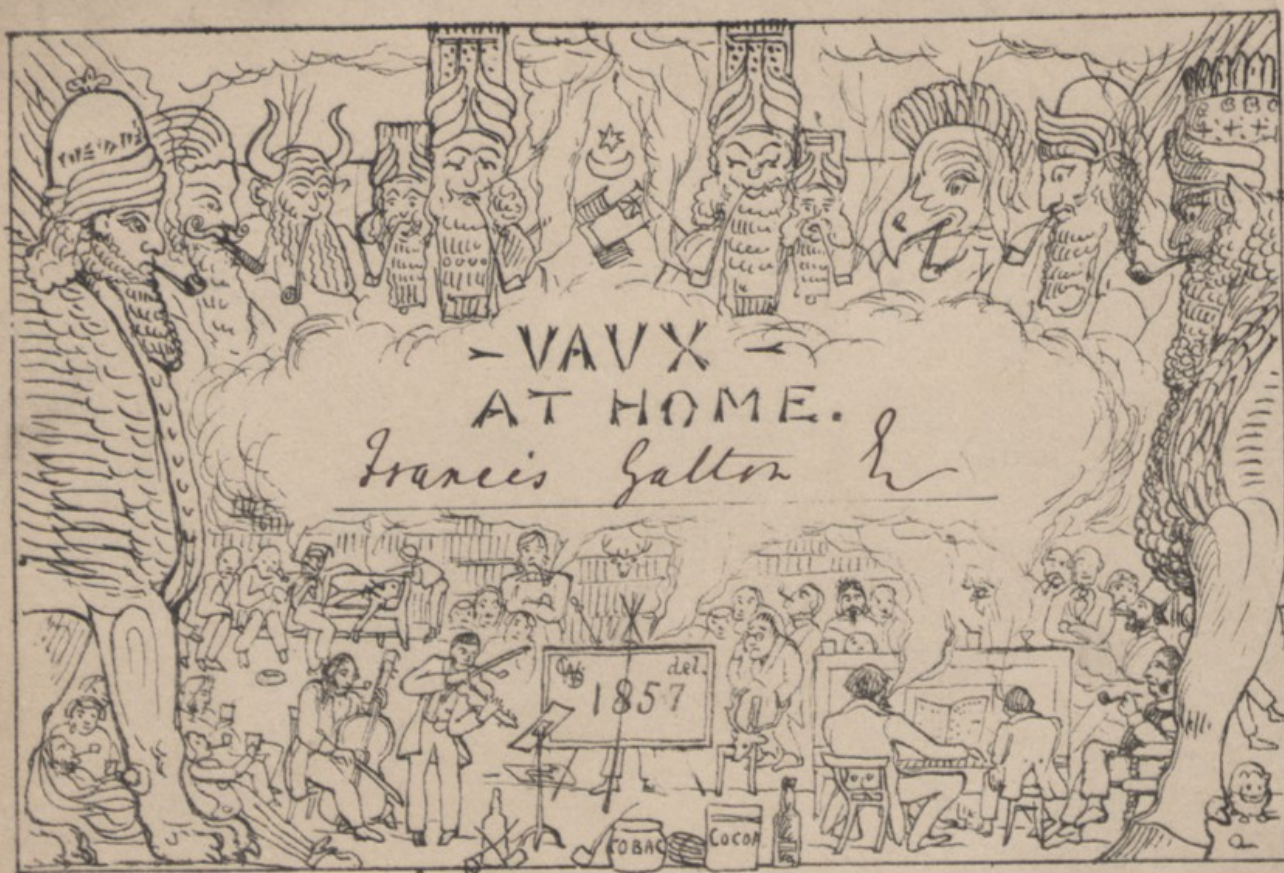
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13. Gate Street Linf. Inn Fields

Saturday June 21

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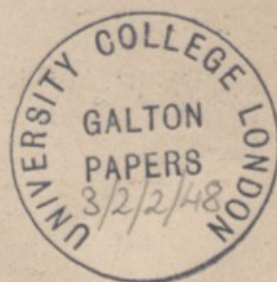




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Saturday May 9th
— 30th



8^{1/2} — 12 PM
—————

The Dell, Grays, Essex
March 2nd. 1876

Dear Mr. Galton

I return your
paper signed. It is an
excellent proposal.

I must take the opportunity
of mentioning how immensely
I was pleased & interested with
your last paper in the

Anthrop. Journal. Your "Theory
of Heredity" seems to me
most vigorous & a decided
improvement on Darwin's, as
it gets over some of the great
difficulties & the enormous
ambiguities of his Pangenesis.

Your paper is twice "

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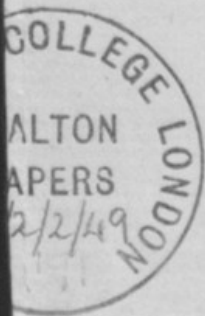
also wonderfully suggestive.

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

Alfred T. Wallace

F. Gattuso Esq.



Exeter Monday

Dear Sir

As we intend leaving this place on Wednesday we shall be happy to learn that the air of Exmouth has proved salutary to you, & if there is any thing we can do for you at Birmingham, to which place we mean to proceed as speedily as we can

I hope you will favour me with a few lines mentioning your own health & Mrs Galton's

Mr Watt joins me in best wishes to you & Mrs Galton & remains

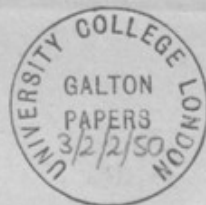
Dear Sir

Your faithful cord

James Watt

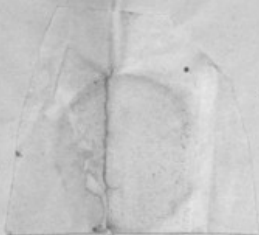
Mr W. has been much indisposed but is now a great deal better we hope the Currier will be of service to her

Mr Swales Topsham road.





James Watt
Exeter
1801



By mouth

Ed. Galton Esq.

[Large handwritten flourish or signature]

1801

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(fragment)

Roß Ship

F. Galton

25/Jan/73

7 f. Galton J. - Simon Wells
25 Jan 773





19. Park Crescent,
Portland Place. N.W.

March 20. 1875

My dear Sir

Miss Griesbach's
address, which I ought to have
sent you before but it escaped
my memory, is Claremont
House Holland St Kensington.
The last item in the catalogue
of acoustical apparatus which
belonged to her late father is
as follows: "Set of --- pipes with
bellows attached; the highest note
produced by 16896 vibrations per second"

Yours very truly

C. Wheatstone

F. Galton Esq^r



J. C. Dec. 17. 1876

Dear Hartshorne

Mrs Hartshorne

said something of your wishing
to take a book of mine away
from Cambridge. I hope it is not
Meidinger which I cannot well
spare, as he is useful when a
word is to be run down which I
use as then my book. I have
Cambridge today - believe me
Yours very truly
W. Whewell

Glasg. Coll: 18 April 1804.

Dear Sir

With very great Pleasure, I comply with your Desire of carrying from me an introductory Letter to my Dear Friend, & Pupil, Mr Stuart. He is just the Person you want. He lived, for 3 years & upwards, in Vienna, & at several others of the German Courts, in full habits with the Diplomatic Corps, & travelled, without a Tutor / at the age of 19 / thro' great Part of Bohemia & Hungary, as well as Germany; writing very full Journals of his travels, which he digested into a Regular Narrative, on his Arrival in Britain. It is not possible for you to conceive the Advantage his Experience & Council, may be of to you, in many different Respects. What I have said in the enclosed will, I am sure, secure you all the attentions which his Public Functions will leave him at liberty to show you. As I shall have occasion soon to write to Lady Stuart; I shall have an opportunity of again writing to her Son, & shall not fail to enforce my Request.

Suffer me, Dear Sir, to express my best wishes for the safe Conduct, & Auspicious Conclusion, of your Tour. What I have expressed in the form of Wishes, I might have

arranged in the Phræology of "Hope" - of "Confidence" - & "Trust".
What is of the Nature of the τα ἐφ' ἧς your own Prudence
will effect... & for what is beyond that, your Principle will
lead you to look to the Quarter whence you may hope to
receive it. But I must stop short. I am talking
to you, as if you had been my Pupil.

I shall conclude with one Advice. all others are
Superfluous. Even that, I suppose, is so. When you are abroad,
write nothing of Politics or Public Affairs. The Forbearance
will be the Passport of your Domestic Correspondence, &
the safe conduct of your own Person. The Times are
critical - all the Elements are stored with Conductors.
Even "Sympathetic Ink" will prove disloyal to its
allegiance.

Wishing you, again, the full attainment of all the
Objects of your Soul, & of every other Object conducive to your
Improvement & Happiness - wishes in which Mrs. G. desires
most cordially to join. I remain, with very sincere Regard
& Esteem,

Yours &c

Your most obed^t & faithful Serv^t
J. G. Young.



To avoid the chance of your missing the enclosed
as your leaving left Birmingham before its
arrival, I have addressed my letter, according
to your directions / verbally / to your Father
who will forward it. I beg my respects to
him & to Mrs. Galton



Samuel T. Galton Esq

In his absence, to
Samuel Galton Esq

Dudson - near

Birmingham.

Prof. J. H. Young
Chicago
Nov 27 1884