

will see the heaviest part of
teaching work over so that
we may expect to be able to
arrange everything for the end
of March. - Bowen will then
be back (he is now exploiting
in Ceylon) & then next fall
should see some result from
all our deliberations.

As for surmise Britten's
Journal must either cease
or be confined in scope to
local British B.Bany. It is
not pleasing & drive to the
well an old Journal which

FAIRACRES,

OXFORD.

Feb'y 8th 1886.

My dear Prof. Fay.

For very kind
letter of 6th ult. I received
it gave me very great
pleasure. Accept most heart
thanks for it. I did not
aff at once waiting until
I could say something further
about the matter of our
proposed Journal. Now as the
outlook clears rapidly & as
long we may hope for a

successful launch I write
to you with some confidence.

And first I must say how
much we are indebted to you
for your favourable opinion
& for putting us in the way
of having Prof. Farlow as a
Coadjutor. I am about to write
to him on the matter as you
suggested & we shall indeed
welcome his cooperation
& support. Truly I am
delighted to say will actively
co-operate - the press here will

take up the Journal and
when we have secured
Prof. Farlow's consent and the
promise of his aid all that
remain I do in bare
detail & make a start. But
at present both you and
myself are tied with teaching
work which makes it difficult
for either to get away for purposes
of consultation & personal
conference on the details
of our project but this month

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thought the specimens would
be quite as accessible & more
useful indeed if placed with
the other herbaria named in
series after Bentham and
Hooker. On looking over the
herbarium now open I am
grievedly disappointed to find
the majority of specimens have
no locality attached to them.
The name in the card writing
is on a loose ticket, in many
cases an additional ticket gives
Littorpi (either Henry or John)
correction of the name - but

has done good service
in the past but we all feel
in this country that it is
not possible to drive in
that coach as it is at
present deluged & there is
no other course than that we
propose left open to us.
With the Transatlantic Express
I believe so kind & secured
for us & having the members
whom modest forbids me to
name I think the staff
of our venture is nearly

2 strong one & the Journal
should have a merry if not
a long life; And I am thanking
you for your good wishes with
myself that I hope they will
be fulfilled.

The Sherardian Herbarium
I have in hand at present.
With the aid of a very energetic
fellow of Magdalen (W. J. Farney)
I am going over it. My purpose
originally was to incorporate
it with the main Herbarium.

I find that keeping Dillenius',
Morrison's & Lillies' Herbaria
separate & in their primary
condition as much special
house room is occupied as
we can well spare & as
Sherard's Herb. which has
hitherto been kept separate,
had not the typical value
which the publication of books
founded upon its specimens
give to the Herbaria of the
authors above named I

I am glad to know such
good account of your own
health & trust you may
long continue in the enjoyment
of such good health & send
with kind regards & again
thank you for your
numerous encouragement
& support I am

Yours always remaining
Dear Berley Belfrage

PAIRAGREY.

OXFORD.

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in too many cases no further
information as to the specimen
is apparent. I am having all
the plants & tickets fastened
down to sheets which will be
doubled so that no future
confusion can arise but
the absence of local indication
makes me hesitate about
incorporating. I need hardly
say that any information
the Barbours Herb. or any of
our collections here can
afford you is at your disposal.
Since you were here we have

made considerable changes.

The Museum being now
housed in the building formerly
occupied as a residence by
the Professor of Botany. It is
therefore accessible & with for
some years past it has not been.

Your friend Prof. Pasteurich
is well & vigorous. His book
on Biology (the first vol.) is
just out - a valuable text-
book evidencing his powers
physical & mental -

Mr H. Adams I am sorry
to say is invalided; He has
just started on a voyage to
Egypt - purposing to return
in two months time. Many
alterations in connection
with the construction &
development of a new
Medical School have been
thrown much worry in his
path recently & he is now
ordered rest & relaxation
of his Medical avocations.



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