

Musical Concerts or large size
Private / Our v. sea our may
Adelaide, South Aust.

My dear Watson Dec. 20 1890

This is to carry Christmas greetings to you from the Antipodes, as they often call it here. Everything is reversed as you well know, and we are still bewildered. Our stay in Egypt was short, but we had a glimpse of Palms with dates, and of places with no end of dirt. But when we reached Ceylon, Paradise was reached. I cannot find words to express my delight with the vegetation exhibited in the Gardens at Peradeniya and Hakgala. I have numerous photographs of the places, about 160 large ones, and they will show you everything of most interest. The rice-fields, Cocoa-estates tea-plantations, cinchona-forests and coffee-fields exceeded in number and variety what I had expected to see. The tropical fruits were in perfection, except the Durian which had gone by, about a week. But I saw the smell.

Lantana is the dominant weed except in the gardens, where Mimosa pudica is a perfect nuisance. Lantana is very crowded out by a

Dear Dr. D. H. Bishop

Yours
H. C. G.

1881 Dec. 23rd written with the
contents just to you.
all as I had at my end except
because I put your seed to the test &
had it in my box, would know more so
that, had now left in port and been
to get this could go again to Port and
see what this was of & found it
was not so bad, not so bad
and then thought you ought to know how
bad it was, so I will tell you what you
will find about this seed and see
what you do. After all the
bad effects has & of seed, & seedling &
as we now have found all with a loss of
of seed bad & dead we can't tell how many
there are lost & I have a good
many to send you business it is not so
helped as I wished, so with kind regards
Yours ever faithfully G.H.

Mexican Composite or large size.

Our voyage hither was delightful
as, in fact, all our seas have been. But my
pleasure here is diminished by the serious, perhaps
last, illness of Dr Schenckberg. He is very low.
The gardens are magnificent and the museum
is one which I covet. It is not my neighbor's
house, it is all the contents.

Just now we are in the hills. Around
us are innumerable Acacias, Eucalypts, and
Casuarinas, all of them, as I tell the people
here, insect-proof and fungi-proof. The adaptations
are marvellous ^{the result of} & my studies are confirmed
by Mr. Pepper a local botanist of great
experience here. We hope to go to Victoria next
week, thence to Tasmania, New Zealand S. & N.,
& thence to Sydney, after which up the East
Coast of Australia to Java.

We keep good health all the
time & enjoy every moment. Please remember
me to all your kind & all my friends.

My regards to Robin, Savory, Faulon
Sargent (for whom I have a host of notes) &
Cameron. My kindest wishes to Mrs Gray &
yourself. With all Christmas congratula-
tions.

Yours ever faithfully G.H.



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