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7, ADELPHI TERRACE, LONDON,

W.C.

1887.

10 January

My dear Sir

I have only just
got back to England from
our lengthened tour; I
have received your kind
letter, saying your son would
not be able to accept the
Singapore curatorship,
much was certainly required
which, I presume, was the

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reason for fixing the
salary at upwards of
~~#~~ 800 pounds, and I
could not resist the
temptation to write
to you at once.

You will be glad to hear
that with great care this
Institute has been able
to pay its way this past
~~very~~ year, in spite of the
depression of trade. We

have for years sought
that the expenses should
not exceed the receipts; -
that each year should pay
for itself, and hard as this
was to accomplish in 1886,
still it was done.

Your cheering reference
to sending a paper was
warmly appreciated at the
last Council meeting at
which I mentioned it.

Retrie
July 1874

Doctor Radcliffe has
just brought out a book
entitled "a new departure
in Science"; I am very
anxious to know your
opinion of it. Pray present
my best respects to Lady
Dawson

Yours very truly
J. Petrie

Sir H. Dawson