

Willeaume

Fallowfield

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My Dear Friend.

Many thanks for  
your new book the  
copy of which reached me  
some days ago and which  
has of course interested  
me much. We are obviously  
creeping on little by  
little to close agreement.  
Since I wrote last I  
have set up in our  
new museum my Steg-  
maria. You never dreamt

That our dear friend de Bary  
is dead and has applied  
to the German Government  
to replace him by de Solms  
which application the  
Government has granted  
How sad to lose two of  
my guests of last Septem-  
ber within so short a  
period. I was alarmed about  
de Bary when he was here  
but I never dreamt of  
Ada Gray breaking down; he  
seemed so strong. —

Please give my love  
to Lady Dawson and to  
Eva — and believe me to  
be, as ever,  
affectionately yours  
W. C. Williamson



of anything so magnificent. It is glorious in its perfectness. The stem figured by Lindley and Hutton was at least fifty feet high to the top of its branches. That stem was only two feet in diameter at the thickest part of its base - ~~about~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>least</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>is</sup> 4 ft 4 inches - hence if it grew in length as it grew in thickness more must have been above 100 feet high. Judging from the recent Lycopods & Selaginella in my conservatory, their growth

in length was most rapid  
I am now working at a  
plant which combines the  
petioles of *Cardiogyph-*  
*teris* with the axis of  
Renault's *Anachropteris*  
*Decurvis*. so that one  
of these two of Renault's  
genera must go to the wall  
which is a mercy. Anything  
to reduce the awful  
multiplication of names.

You may perhaps have  
heard that our friend Graf  
de Salms is not going to  
Berlin after all. The  
vice-regent of Alsace is  
alarmed for Strasbourg now