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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ENGLAND & WALES

G. S. O. 7. 2. 81.

Dr. J M.

Have you any ideas floating in yr fertile brain in connection with the Honours seen by the reflected light of Exam in futuro?

If so, let me see you this week. Tempus fugit but I remain - in your time

St. W. B.

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I have heard nothing about futhcoming examinations - but I suppose they will tell me off for the College I did not examine on the last occasion.

They surely will not abolish your Chair without giving proper compensation or a handsome superannuation: I shall hope for the best for you & yours, & shall be glad to hear anything good you may be able to communicate.

I leave this in the evening for Uxbridge. I shall be on the tramp for a month.

Mrs Bristowe unites with me in good wishes & with compliments to Mrs Jones,

Believe me,

Yours very truly, H W B

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P.S. You will be sorry to see me use a mourning Envelope. My wife & I are greatly distressed on account of the death of his brother Edward of Japan, about ten days ago - quite unexpectedly of heart-disease - He was one of the best fellows in the world & only 34 years of age.

8. Winterstow Place
Vassal Road
N. Brixton
S.W.

10th November, 1869.

My dear Jones

Your letter of the 6th is received & very sorry I am to hear your news.

I know nothing whatever of the Royal Commission for Military Education beyond what the Newspapers may say, or the information contained in your letter.

In the third General Report of the Council of Military Education, at p. 33 there is a letter of mine, written in answer

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to a question on the part of the Secretary as to whether the Army Examinations have any effect upon the general school-education of the country.

I am not aware that Professor Morris gave any evidence before the Rl. Commission; he was, however, requested to give his opinion to the Council on the above-mentioned point.

I can hardly conceive it possible that Geology should be left out of the subjects taught at the Colleges - and I should very much like to know by what process of reasoning the Commission should arrive at the conclusion that the military man can dispense with ~~a knowledge of~~ Science or do with such a mere smattering of it as will be absolutely worse than none at all, when all the rest of the community is becoming ~~a~~ more and more aware of the importance of Science as a branch of everyday education.

In my opinion Science had better be dispensed with altogether than be taught in the manner you mention.

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28 Princes Street SW.

7th May, 1869.

My dear Jones-

Thanks, many, for your letter & suggestions, which I will not fail to bear in mind.

Your former letter of the 24th Oct, 1862 is carefully preserved, & I have availed myself of your friendly criticisms.

When the book is set up in type, which will not be

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for some time yet. I will ask you to look over the lists of Foraminifera &c. which I doubt not you will kindly do.

I am glad to hear the news about little Miss Jones & her Mamma. If you go on at this rate, you will soon be calling for a new Quiver!

Believe me, Yours truly,

H. W. B.

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28 Jermyn St. SW.

15th December, 1876.

My dear Jones.

Bauerman says that it is nonsense – the statement as to the glass being coloured with iron. It was probably coloured with Cobalt & came from Cologne or elsewhere in Germany.

All the enamels &c in the Levant come from Venice.

By the bye – what your friend

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styles carreaux - all called in plain english literally "quarries" -

One of your friends just gots marks two more. The other had more knowledge of the subject & did very fairly well. I sent in my Report a week ago.

I hear they have got a very able man, in place of poor Greentree - Barclay from Aldershot -

I fear Mr. Jones must have stirred up the bile by dancing at the Ball, which I hope was a great success and gave unalloyed satisfaction to your fair visitor - who (if she take after her Father) ought by all the principles of Darwin & Evolution to be a right comely and lovely scion of the family tree.

But I am becoming a garrulous old man & must leave off doting - so wishing you & yours all the happiness and joys of the coming festive season -

I am,

Yours ever truly,

H. W. Bristow.