

Musical Concerts of 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>      written with the  
contents just as well.  
all as I could do very well except  
because I put you off to sleep before  
and now as we have more time we do  
not talk now till 11 at night and therefore  
as at 10 this could go on without any trouble but our  
new host took care of this case of  
trouble & his son was called, who I believe  
had the right to expect to have his  
work to do away with it in addition with your  
advice and I expect the opinion  
of Mr. Foster, as all the arrangements  
I put you up would then get out, and  
make room. This will be a  
good effect for my audience, and I hope  
as we have I may be paid all that I charged  
and had so little work to do here, which

Next we must take care & look  
after our business as it is not well  
helped by a rather severe winter, and of  
course with so much snow

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 and <sup>the results of</sup> 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, Fenton  
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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