

25, WILTON PLACE.
S.W.

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My dear Gray

I have to thank you for
various letters - for the completion
of Sawvalli's Catalogue - for your
cheque on Reeve & Co which I believe
I acknowledged immediately but
cannot recollect I have been very
busy of late the Linnean Society have
just moved into their new rooms in
Burlington House and the Royal
Academy began pulling our old rooms
to pieces before we could get the works
out of the new ones all was confusion
the Secretary out of town the Librarian
an excellent accountant etc but very
slow and a good deal of the direction fell
upon me

The three copies of the Linnean

Journal Notes, will be duly sent by
post according to your direction.

Now that our library has expanded
into the new shelves we have better
means of seeing the deficiencies, but
there are many means of procuring for
the Society the Zoological and Botanical
portions of the several Reports of
the Boardman and other Surveying
Expeditions, and especially such as
Levee Walton, Notes of the Levee
Your and Torrey, Notes of the Emory
& Whipple expeditions etc - any of them
that are not in the Smithsonian
publications which we have

I was much pleased with what
you said of Principal Dawson in
an article in the Nation - He was
made much of here and I went to

hear him at the Royal Society but was
much disappointed

I am very busy with *Chimæra*
which I have nearly finished and
shall then go to Gen. H. - I have
found great aptitude in the
Genera of *Chimæra* in a character
which I had overlooked as it was
said to be variable in the same genus
and I had then few means of testing
it - the presence & absence of albumen
which appears to be constant in genera
if limited as I proposed - the supposed
Acacia with albumen prove to be
Chimæra, or *Leucocæra*, which have it
whilst I do not find it in any true
Acacia, I have examined

Yours very sincerely

George Bentham



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