

Colombo 11th October 1876

My dear Sir

It is so very long since I had the pleasure of hearing from you that I have been wondering how it came to pass! - In your last letter you enclosed a list of some duplicates which you kindly offered me, & I replied accepting a certain number of them. I think this must be 2 years ago, as nearly, & I have never heard a word since till yesterday, when I received your "Checklist" with your compliments. - Allow me to thank you for this new token of remembrance, & to express a hope that it may be the beginning of a lively correspondence! —

I will forthwith make up a packet of specimens for you, & take the first opportunity, whenever it may occur, of forwarding it to you. My collection of the forms they export has grown to very large dimensions, & now represents 1500-1600 of the species of the Synopsis of Hooker & Baker.

besides my numerous varieties. Referring over
your list, I find I am still deficient of a great many
of the genera therein specified, so I have hope of increasing
my collection thereby to what I am pleased.
My greatest
deficiencies, however, are in South American & Pacific
Species. — Latterly, however, improved rather than
enlarged my collection, supplying the place of poor
specimens of others of better condition & growth. —

I am so glad to re-open correspondence that
desire today not to lose a post, although I am
so very busy that I cannot write at length. I hope
soon to hear from you, and in the meantime
will write again as soon as I can command
time to write a decent letter.

With friend & remembrance I remain

Friendly truly
George Wall

P.S. Anything sent me before my old address
at Castle Hill, Cleverton, Somerset will
always be forwarded. GW



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