

52 Eaton Crescent, Swansea, 30 Oct. 1956

Dear Charles,

Delighted we were to hear of you and to know you were installed in your home from home. We do hope you are not too lonely. But you seem to have lots of work to do. We miss you, personally and collegiately very much. Several of last year's 1st yr Hons. have asked tenderly after you, and the books you so nobly presented to the Library are going to be a great help.

Bangor is going up for auction I have just learnt, though no advert. is yet out, so start rustling up your troops if you wish to venture there. And don't be disheartened about chairs. They are a gamble, but not much more with you here than away since there are quite a number of people who are lucky and others who are not. If Glan. goes in for it do not not apply, since he will be doing so only on the off chance: he would prefer to stay here but a good showing at Bangor (though they are unlikely to appoint a Welsh historian), even if nothing more comes of it, would help when he comes up, as I hope he will, for the Welsh chair here in 1958.

Louis Wright has asked me to spend three months on 1500 dollars in Washington. I have said yes in principle and asked Fulbright people about travelling. They say probably passage will be O.K. (though I must compete in March) but will not hold out much hope of money to travel inside U.S. Dox you think it possible to fix up some lectures that would bring in enough money to travel a bit in October, if I stayed over for then, in eastern U.S. and Canada. I've got some contacts here and there but I'm not sure how one goes about saying how much would you give me if I came!

Spain was fine. We got back Sept. 30 and started in at College immediately, and this month have been busy catching up on various things that should have been done before term started (I've just finished a little book-case shifting in the study for example which nearly broke my back and my patience). The children got most attached to their foster homes and didn't really wish to see their parents again. However, they have now re-reconciled themselves to home.

We haven't yet seen JO and the children, but hope to arrange a reunion sometime fairly soon. We hope all are well in Bristol.

The train journey to Spain was a little tedious but not as bad as we feared. Simancas was very pleasant and quite romantic: clearly there is a good deal to be done there in my field. We fortunately met up with an American Jesuit, Albert Loomie, whom I knew and he smoothed our way there. In Madrid we did some work at the Naval Museum and at the National Library, but we also managed to see the Prado, the Escorial and a few other sights. We had a fortnight in Seville and liked the City very much: especially the few bits of the music festival we were there for (opera and concerts in the palace gardens starting at 11 p.m.). The Archives are very well organised for Spain, the Director, Peña, was very kind and we made friends with a Spanish girl employed there who spoke some English. The weather was lovely and Alison stood up to the heat very well. Our spoken Spanish was pretty lousy but we managed to read most of what we wanted. Some of the work in Seville was negative in result but none the less valuable, and we did get a good deal of material. It would really need a much longer stay to achieve anything definitive. However, we staggered back with various bits of pottery and tiles A. collected and just managed our finances so that we left Spain with about 5s in pesetas. Travelling was dearish, but living, especially in Seville, was very reasonable. We had a fortnight at £20 all found for the two of us at a genuine Spanish pension.

My digestion behaved rather better than expected under the strain of Spanish meals (lunch at 3; dinner at 9.30). ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

If I do not go to America next summer we shall certainly try to return to do another spell of work in Seville and Simancas.

All are well at College. Glan is busy with his book. Walter, as usual, has a hundred things on hand (Timpla is postponed till spring though). Molly is busy buying a radiogram. Neville is where Neville usually is. David W. tried to cut his foot off with a hatchet but fortunately did not succeed. Fulton is bursting at the seams with promises of new Chem. building starting 1957; large University House (common rooms, refec. etc) in 1958, and three hostels in park with wings for Nat. Sc. bldg., in, he hopes, 1959. (He swore to be Lord and then he burst! Old Song.)

I was sorry about Glasgow. Checkland is scarcely a historian first and foremost, but I presume the Economics faction won. I have not heard anything of Liverpool, but then have seen no one since August.

Must go to work. If anything outstanding comes out on U.S. 1928-39 lay up a note for it for us as I would like Walter to do this sometime as a special subject.

Lots of love from us and take care of yourself amongst those wild Americans.

Yours ever, *Dad*



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Department of History,
The University,
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Britain.

11th December 1956

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter. We were both very sorry to hear that you had to have two operations. We hope all goes well. We are all in good spirits here, although life is extremely hectic at the moment.

In answer to your detailed queries and points, I think I had better copy your "progress by numbers".

1. I shall be naturally glad to have 10,000 words instead of 6,000 for the article you mention.
2. I am glad that you met Phillip Williams and that he gave a good lecture.
3. With reference to the biographies, neither Lloyd George nor Asquith is assigned. I think that Asquith would be the better bet, for although there is no satisfactory book on Lloyd George (despite the interest of Tom Jones' book) he has been written about so much that the market is a little saturated. Asquith, on the other hand, is ripe for re-assessment. I will have a talk with the publishers about the idea and they will no doubt get in touch with you direct. I am afraid that the life of MacDonalld will not appear in my series. It is being written by Markham, his former colleague, and is very much of an official biography.
4. I would willingly act as a referee for you at Bangor, but unfortunately - or fortunately - I have been asked to serve as one of the assessors, and I feel that in consequence I cannot act as a referee. I shall be very glad to act as a referee for any other positions you apply for. *Good luck with them - and do apply for Bangor!*
5. I have been asked to lecture in the Harvard Summer School next year and hope to come over. I suppose you will be in England at the time, but if not I do hope to be able to see you.

With all good wishes from us both,

Yours ever,

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BRISTOL, 9.

26TH DECEMBER, 1957.

Dear Mr. Mount,

Thank you very much for your Christmas Card and for the photograph of Cockley Brake Junction, which is just what I need for the model which I hope to make.

I had given up many of my railway activities, because of my impending National Service, but I have just heard that I shall not now be called up, and can therefore carry on with my hobbies.

The railway staff in the Bristol area have recently been issued with diesel instruction books, and it is almost

certain that the suburban and local services will be dieselised next summer. It is also proposed to introduce a cross-country diesel buffet service on the Bristol - Weymouth route, as the G.W.R. pioneered in the 1930's. Next year, it is anticipated that the de-luce all Pullman diesel expresses will be in use between Bristol and London, possibly doing the trip in 90 minutes.

I trust that you had an enjoyable Christmas, although you would of course have much preferred to be with your family.

When you are next over here, please let me know so that we can meet again.

With best wishes for 1958.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Farv

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THANKS
MAY 1957

Dear Charles,

I've just realised that I should have written you before to say that Briggs declined to serve on the Committee and was replaced by Bindoff. (By accident I didn't hear of this till quite recently and in the circumstances I was in at the time didn't appreciate you had not used him as a referee because I said he was to be on the Committee). I think your letter sent him an air-mail note to say would be worth to Falton as soon as possible giving you as detailed a recommendation as possible of... How well do you know Bindoff? And is Dodd likely to back you? I know almost nothing of what has been going on - so have not been able to help before. I do know some of the people likely to be seen by the Committee on the 17th: Paul Cole (N Staffs, young but well backed); Du Boulay (Bedford?); medieval, strongly backed, presumably by Bellbreath); Bob Leslie (Queen Thoms, Polish history; in Bindoff's dept.); Koenigsberger (Manchester, Eng. lit.); C.H.D. Howard (King's London); Alan. I don't know how far some of these are merely being looked over. You and F.D. Rose (Glasgow, Goldsmith) are also on the short list. Of

The Six. I want to see Leslie. Howard says Glasgow is possible but
 one never gets along with committees. If the Committee for
 wanted it to fly over it in mid-June and then for
 before the Council on June 17 with whatever else they favour
 would you be able to go? Remember, though I may, but
 be well informed here on Fulton is very secretive in some ways.
 What do you think of the activity? Confidential.
 Bay or West? I am not sure. I am leaning more for
 in other years, but the Swensen entry was much stronger.
 Still by news of the best Oxford sheep stake, or
 so far as I know of Bristol. Budy is wrapped in darkness.
 Are they just decided to buy a Victorian house in
 Liverpool? All the best from
 Yours truly
 David

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28/3/95

Dear Charles

Having been away for four days
I'm now home again. Alison and I got enough
petrol coupons to enable us to drive to Liverpool.
There we saw a few possible houses - whether
they will come out long I do not know, but it
was encouraging to find there were some that
were not too dear.

Steven Watson - former Glasgow - turned it
down as his wife didn't like the taste of the place.
They appointed Wright - a surprise to us. As for
Banjo Mason can have it but he didn't say so
~~surely~~ by Saturday last. He will be a risky choice
if he does go but he might be O.K. The only news
of interest is negative - Hoskins does not want it
nor does A. H. Talm. Ashworth is somewhat fancied but
who else, besides Walter, is in I don't know. Walter's tin.

plate book came out last Thursday and got a well-
 arranged boost in the Observer on Sunday. Ashton thinks
 highly of it too. The Swansea publications are on their
 way to you and I'll feel happier when I know your
 application is in. I gather they have some hopes of
 completing both stages in the selection during May,
 but that doesn't necessarily mean they will do it.
 I'm trying now to get down to a little writing one
 more but not finding it too easy.
 Love from us all. Yours ever,
 Dear

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52 Eaton Crescent,

Swallow

Thurs.

Dear Charles,

I do think the Board's condition is very odd but it may be a good formula which means nothing (as in the 2-yr tenure of lectureships in Q.U.B.). In a letter of application I should certainly say that you think it requires explanation. By the way you should send your stuff off to get in next week or also apply by letter and say rest is following. Jack Fishelson writes us on Tuesday and thinks they will stress 19th - 20th cent. interests. The whole very brutal has gone about this (e.g. no last date for applications) is very odd.

Bayor is in an odd state @ Wright, offered Chair, asked for and got a week to consider it (Is he trying to get Bayor to say 'Yes' or 'No' to him?) (b) Otherwise they decided to have John Mason, Research Student of Christ Church, and the very dark horse being backed by Bromby Edwards. (c) They rejected Glan, as being too much on the Welsh history side.

For my chair Galbraith (accepted), Briggs (hasn't heard yet) and Dod (for University) are appointed. ^{+ he accepts}

I think it is almost certain they would not have a medievalist. I do not think they would have Glan. (with a Welsh History Chair she settled in 1958 or 1959 if there is money). So it is a clear run for the modernists. John Rees is joining the College representatives and he very much wishes you will participate.

So does Heller (he is going to Brandeis for a semester next session). Glasgow - if they can ever decide anything - should be out soon. It looks as if Bristol will be quite speedy. The first round meeting for my Chair would be in May and the second in June if I judge correctly. Since all the people who matter on the Committee know you (Cuthbert has well!) the first interview would not probably matter: for the second they would fly for you. If this did go through (and I very much doubt it will in spite of Glasgow, Chicago and Bristol) you would be asked to start in October but it would be quite hard to give you till January in view of your kind of commitments. They might write a little longer. Please for me if Sir Kenneth's bit goes and touchy but my nerves are not in too good a shape. But I am away to an and excitement. Love from us all. David

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3 March 1957

My dear Charles,

It was very nice of you to write so kindly about my mother and I appreciate it very much. What between travelling to and fro to Liverpool and to Ireland the last month has been rather hectic.

Liverpool became official on Feb. 13 last. It is going to be quite an upheaval to get ourselves out of Swansea and into Liverpool. A card from Jo congratulating me on Liverpool conveyed the impression she thought I'd been a candidate for Liverpool last year. I was not, of course, as I think I told you at the time. Having failed to agree on a choice last year they went looking outside and gave me a nibble at Christmas time but that was the first I knew of it. Going there will have some advantages from the point of view of specialisation as they already teach some Irish, British Colonial, Maritime and American history. The staff on the Modern side seems quite promising but they are all quite youngish. Their programme is rather cockeyed because Th. and Ba. did not see eye to eye. The new medieval man, C.N.L. Brooke, seems sensible and co-operative (though I shall know how co-operative better after I've worked with him). They do need someone new on the very modern side which isn't taught at all now for Europe or G.B. but only for America! And I think will supply me with someone. They seem for improvement look fairly favourable.

The first stage of Bangor resulted in Wright (Glasgow), Mason (Ch. Ch.) - a dark horse - and Glan. going forward. I think G. will be rather too Welsh History to get, and I would think Wright though it is not predetermined. The result will be on the 15th and you could have had it (I think) for the asking. Rumour suggests Glasgow is not settled yet. Wright is tipped as 'possible' candidate, but my own hunch is he is not a 'probable'. If he is installed in Bangor on Mar. 13 this will make it clear he knows this. So don't expect anything on Glasgow for some little time. Bristol is replacing MacI. by an econ. hist. prof. they hope, but one, they hope too, with some colonial interests. I certainly think it would be in your interest to enter. Swansea will take some time and Bristol will be out of the way, I think, before it gets very far. Bristol would be very convenient for you, though I think Douglas would be rather an ice-berg to work with. Walter is, of course, interested but I could not estimate at all yet (with his book due only on Mar. 21 and still unreviewed) how likely he is to be considered.

Mark Thomson is ill and is having a lung operation very soon. Neale visited us a week or two ago and was very taken with Swansea. (He appalled the highbrows with a very pleasant and effective public lecture). Molly is an amusing spectacle - torn between delight at my going and apprehension as to whom she will get! The others are, I think, genuinely sorry that our team is being broken up.

My American visit can last only from July 15 to Sept. 19 and so all lectures are 'out' (sorry). Best from us all, Yours ever, David.

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Dear Charlie,

Would it be troublesome to omit a
part of a
phrase in one of the sentences - in fact
the last one on the Hurewitz book - in
the review I sent you? Perhaps it could
be done in proof, if the type is already
set up. I think my reference to Fashoda
might be considered a little off the point,
as it concerns Central Africa more than
the East. So could you please amend that
sentence to read: "~~And for studying the~~
~~clashes of the European powers in the~~
~~Middle East, which is the major theme suggested~~
~~by this collection (delete all that!)~~"

"Also, some of the diplomatic exchanges
might well have a place illustrating
Cromer's difficulties - .. etc."

The word "possibly" a little later in
that sentence came out as "possible" in
the typescript. But I expect you or the
printer noticed that.

This is fairly busy time. Among
other engagements, we see something

of Venice's relatives & other friends
yours (or friends of friends) obliged
to leave Egypt. They are all making
quite a good go at settling down here,
but it is dreadful that this barbarism
of pushing people about like that
should persist in mid-20th cent. It has
probably been the worst century for them
since ancient times. Israel & all the
rest of the upheavals are simply the
result of the pride of us Europeans
(incl. Russians) to get over our intolerance
of the Jews. Up till now the Moslems have
been far more tolerant.

Ourselves, we all flourish, as I hope
you do..

Love

Rob.

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13.1.1957

My dear Charles,

I owe you apology after apology for not writing. My only excuse is that I was flipping about too much physically and mentally in the past few weeks to get down to writing anything.

My feeling is you've made a mistake about Bangor - on the assumption that your attitude hasn't changed fundamentally since last year. It would, it seems to me, be quite a possible place to start off from and with your signals set fair on the Committee. Of course when it comes to the point Bangor may say they want a Welshman, but whether they would get one or not is a different matter. But that doesn't mean I can't see the attractions of Chicago or of Glasgow as being in some degree superior.

My own bombshell for you is that I am probably going myself. Liverpool have invited me to the chair Thomson had and I've agreed to go (though it is confidential and unofficial until Feb. 13 and should be kept dark). I've had many divided feelings and at first didn't think I would look at it, but they seem genuinely to want to make a new start there and are prepared to develop, so they say, on the Overseas History side in a way Swansea would not find it possible to do. C.N. Brooke, the new Medieval Prof seems a nice sensible chap and I hope I won't fight with him like Barraclough did with Thomson. But Swansea, both College and place, won't seem an easy place to leave. I hope, however, when I do hear it is fixed for me to go you will not have the same feelings about coming to Swansea as you had about trying for Bangor.

I've been trying to sketch out a short work on Thomas Cavendish the circumnavigator this vac. and have got rather immersed in it. This is one reason I have not written. But I shall have to pack it up and get down to teaching and paper-setting now.

One thing you can set me right on. A copy of Blake's Northern Ireland arrived from the Chicago Press with a please review for JMH tag in it, but addressed to David Wightman, University College, Swansea. Does this mean it was really meant for Wightman of Birmingham or for someone here. Miss Evans handed it to me and I'll hold it till I hear from you. The American Library in London is handing us over some books on America, mostly rather elementary but they will fill out our collection. Your offer to send us stuff JMH does not need is most welcome. I think Walter does wish to do a special subject on U.S. 1928-39 and almost anything in that period would be specially welcome, but you know that, again, almost anything on American history ~~was~~ not of the narrowest local interest would be most valuable.

Alison and the children greatly enjoyed Jo's visit, but, unfortunately, I was away, so did not see anything of them.

My American plans are, for the moment, in suspense so I'm less sure of being able to come to Chicago in late October, though I do hope to get in the Washington trip during the long vac., but I shall keep you posted as soon as I get the set fair from Liverpool.

Lots of the best wishes for 1957 and sincere regards from all here from the Principal upwards.

Yours ever,

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27th January, 1958.

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Ans Feb 1

Dear Mr. Mowat,

I saw a representative of Routledge & Kegan Paul on Friday and gave him a brief outline of your book. He expressed a definite interest and I told him that we ourselves would be likely to have a personal interest. He was not able to say how great a subvention would be required, but I imagine from another discussion with him it would be in the order of £500.

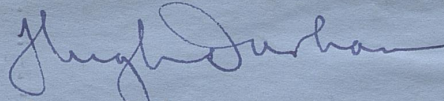
I understand further that once this is paid, it is unlikely to be recovered. It depends very much whether the publishers consider the book would be a best seller or not.

He pointed out an alternative method of providing a subvention and that is for the interested society to agree to purchase 500 copies for its own use, but definitely not for re-sale.

I think the best thing to do is for you to arrange for your manuscript to be submitted forthwith to Routledge & Kegan Paul, who will then be able, in due course, to tell me their anticipated sale and how much would be required as a subvention.

I am a little worried about our own position, since we are facing a deficit next year of £15,000, and I am not sure that the Council would consider an expenditure of this order, however worthy the cause. The two small funds we could draw on, without touching general funds, would only produce about £100. However, we shall face that problem if and when it arises.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary.

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