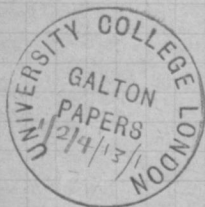


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Notes for
speech at
Hansa meeting
Lambeth Hall
April 1893



Baath his house boy

Baath well informed regarding
the various persons in Bath
dressed in to learn not least
what he can do

Advantage of a well informed man
Such as to be found among those who reside in my
regions

Needless to speak here of ^{the most} numerous messengers who
have had been started forth for travels & where ^{the} political
knowledge have been invaluable. I find as
not that a long time many years ago, I may mention

the chief
of the
house
boy

one of our own experiences. The first was that of one
of the house boys who was settled on the borders of
Senegal & to whose information a hospital
was when proposed to be built that could not be
Another was one of those very capable of Senegal
who were expelled from France for political reasons
& taking service in Gambia under Makenah also
were most influential in the regeneration of that
country. I find him living in a ^{most} kind but with
proof evidence of culture every where full of
information & most helpful. The third and last
I will mention was an adventurous English gentleman
then in the full flow of his youthful energy & magne-
ficient physique. The name of Parkyn whom
I see my companions found was almost as a
native but with that distinction among them
in Kouroum nearly 50 years ago which was not
then that well known place it was because more lately
his long residence in Abyssinia by perfect mastery of
language & master of thought, made him as I thought
then & think still one of an one of the ^{most} valuable
of English knowers

He is with whom
the object of a house servant is to be
not to be. He goes out ignorant & has to make
himself well informed in their language. Note C
learn a language properly that has as yet practically
by literature dictionary or grammar. It is clear that
the student should be able to converse as much
as he can with the natives & they class of native
speaking persons of a person, but he should not
have something to talk about that will give
his power of speech & prepare him for further

of the
house
boy

sets the bridge of broken language and goes
to Japan, China, etc. It is their knowledge that
we trust will have useful scientific results.

Mr. Robinson has a admirable yearning for relations
with the country as a Hakem, designer & explorer,
the disease & their respect, the herbs & plants
and their use to combat the epidemics of which
travelers from the remote regions. All this
leads naturally and inevitably into folk lore &
genealogy, customs & history, which might be
pursued far without exciting suspicion but
rather with gaining respect.

As to instrumental observation that is quite another
matter. I suppose that a man who openly used
these would have a bad time of it. I would
even perhaps those if he took a note book
sketching materials & other instruments to
survey the frontier provinces of France in Germany.
We must not expect too much, but we should
recognize as science whatever is observed &
commented on without prejudice.