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BY AIRMAIL

Memorandum to Dr. H. F. Hall

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES CONGRESS 1963

London 15-19 July

It has been noted from your preliminary registration form that you and your wife will not require hall of residence accommodation in London during the Congress period.

In the period 9-11 July you have been allocated to the OXFORD party where you will be staying in New College as guests of the University.

If there has been any change in your plans since you completed the preliminary registration form either with regard to university accommodation in London or the visit on 9-11 July, it is particularly requested that you should inform me immediately, so that any necessary adjustments can be made without delay. In the absence of such an intimation it will be assumed that you accept these arrangements which we hope will contribute to the enjoyment of your visit to Britain for the Congress.

You will find attached to this note -

Second Memorandum to Members of the Congress (white)

Final registration form (blue)) Forms to be returned to this office <u>not later</u> than <u>31 March</u> next
Social functions questionnaire (yellow)	
Details of method of application for theatre	
tickets on 12 & 13 July (pink), with form	

J. F. Foster
J. F. FOSTER,
Secretary.



In honour of
Delegates attending the Fiftieth Anniversary Congress of the Association of
Universities of the Commonwealth

Her Majesty's Government
in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
request the honour of the company of

Dr and Mrs H. F. Hall

at a Reception at Lancaster House, St. James's
on Tuesday, 16th July, 1963, at 9.00 p.m.

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury
and Paymaster General
and Mr Boyd-Carpenter will receive the guests.

Dinner Jacket.
National Dress or Dark Suit.
Cars to approach Lancaster House
by way of Cleveland Row.

Please reply to—
The Secretary, Government Hospitality,
Richmond Terrace, Whitehall, S.W.1
Tel. WHi 1481 Ext 402 or 227

ITINERARY FOR DR. AND MRS. HENRY F. HALL

- June 20 - Sail from Montreal "Empress of Britain" (Canadian Pacific)
- June 27 - Arrive Liverpool - proceed to London
- London address - Bonnington Hotel
Southampton Row
London, W.C.1.
- July 1 - Proceed to Guildford, Surrey
- Emergency address - c/o English Speaking Union
4 Quarry Street
Guildford, Surrey
- July 2 to July 7 - Through Surrey, Hants and to Gloucestershire
- Emergency address - General Delivery
Cirencester
Gloucestershire
- July 8 - Return to London
- July 9 - Proceed to Oxford
- Emergency address - c/o New College
Oxford
- July 11 - Return to London for Commonwealth Universities Congress
- (Bonnington Hotel)
- July 22 - Flight to Zurich, Switzerland for conference at Castle Mainau, Germany
- Address - c/o Mr. J. H. Dunderdale
World's Alliance of YMCAs
37 Quai Wilson
Geneva, Switzerland
- July 30 - Return to London
- (Bonnington Hotel)
- July 31 to August 6 - (Plans flexible)
- August 6 - Sail from Liverpool "Empress of England" (Canadian Pacific)
- August 13 - Arrive Montreal

Our Trip to The South of England
Gloucestershire. Cirencester ^{The} Chedworth
Roman Villa

I have been asked to write about our trip through the south of England which was not shared by the rest of the Sir George Williams group attending the Congress of Commonwealth Universities in London.

We arrived in England a week before the rest of our group on Thursday, June 27, 1963. On the following Monday we set out in a hired car for our trip through Surrey, Hants and Gloucestershire. The drive was a panorama of beautiful country side and towns. The English people love their gardens for no matter how small or shabby the house, ~~each and every one had~~ ^{has} a lovely ^{beautifully cared for} garden of flowers and roses of every description, ~~beautifully cared for, filled the gardens.~~

We reached Guildford about noon and after realizing that walking would be easier than driving up and down the crowded, narrow, hilly streets, Harry parked the car and went in search of the office of the English-Speaking Union to pick up our mail and hotel reservations. He found a message ^{which} ~~that~~ surprised and puzzled him. It was that Lady Wedgewood, of the Wedgewood China fame, wished to see us and could we come to her home Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. She ^{wished} ~~was eager~~ to meet Harry as her son was a student at our University. ^{Harry couldn't recall} ~~Harry said,~~ "She must think I am a McGill man." ^{a student by that name said} Upon ^{being assured} ~~being assured~~ that it was us she wished to see we arrived at her home and was warmly greeted by the family who assured us her son is attending Sir George as an Evening student.

The Wedgewood Home has become a National Trust of the Government

and is opened to the public, at certain times, so that they may see the display of the Wedgewood ware and hear its history. The home is very beautiful set in a lovely, secluded estate and filled with many historical paintings and objects of art besides the china of which many rare and priceless pieces of the original production to the present day patterns is shown. Lady Wedgewood took us up to the bedroom where, last year, her first Grandchild, a boy, was born to our Sir George Williams student's wife. The room is very beautiful with its antique high canopied bed. By the way Lady Wedgewood is a very young looking Grandmother.

The next day we went on to Cirencester, one of the oldest city in England. No one may do any excavating there without permission and "an observer" to watch for buried ruins of the Roman Empire. This city is one of the oldest, if not the oldest city of the Roman Empire. Whole floors of Mosaic have been uncovered and many other treasures indicating the civilization, wealth and culture of the Romans. In this city there is also one of the famous five "Perpendicular 'Wool' Churches built in the 14th century. They are called the "Wool" churches because through the centuries the Wool Merchants have kept and preserved them.

One of the most thrilling highlight of our trip to this part of England was our visit to the Chedworth Roman Villa. As near as I remember here is its history:

In the year A.D. 43 the Romans invaded England and Gloucestershire was one of the first areas to be conquered and Cirencester was one of the first and most important city to be settled by the Romans. They were great organizers and builders and soon their way of life ^{became} the wealthy

Britons way of life. One of the Villas, a country home and farm built by a wealthy British family, was near Chedworth. The remains of this Villa was unearthed nearly one hundred years ago when a game-keeper, digging to extricate a ferret, found many pieces of mosaic. The Earl of Eldon, owner of the land, ordered careful excavation and amazingly found the remains of this Villa giving a clear cut picture of the way of life as it was 2000 years ago. It was built in the usual three sides of a square and as proof of their high civilization they had central heating and the same method as our architects use now. In the dining room cavity walls with flue tiles through which warm air circulated. The furnaces were outside I think. The floor of this dining room is almost perfect, a beautiful carpet of mosaic in stone. Then comes a whole series of bathrooms, so arranged that the temperature is progressively increased from one room to the next. The water was supplied from a spring in the ground fed into a huge gallon tank. There are many other rooms one leading to the other and even latrines. In about the year 409 the Britons lost the protection of the Romans as they were called back to Rome to fight the Barbarians who were attacking the Roman Empire. The Britons were told they would have to defend themselves from the Saxons, the tribes from Ireland and the Picts from Scotland who moved in and took over. The civilized life of the Romans perished back into the barbarian life again. In 1924 the Chedworth Villa was presented to the National Trust of England and is opened to the public every day for a small fee.

The next day we returned to London.