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over with some of England's leading evolutionists the problems of species evolution with which he was grappling.

J. T. G. to Charles Darwin:

ROCHESTER, KENT

Saturday, July 27, 1872

Your account of the Natural History of the Galapagos Islands which I read many years ago, was the means of leading me to investigate the distribution of species at the Sandwich Islands, where I was then residing. You have perhaps seen in the number of *Nature* for July 18 my brief statement of some of the facts gathered in that field.

As I am now in England for a short visit, it will be a great pleasure to meet you, if you can appoint an hour when it will be convenient for you to see me. I will bring with me some of my Sandwich Island land shells, illustrating the extremely limited distribution of the species and the continuous gradation of forms from one species into another. I shall be able to come any time next week or the week after, but some time early next week will be the most convenient for me, as I am expecting to leave soon on my way to North China and Mongolia.

Yours respectfully, [etc.]

Charles Darwin to J. T. G.:

DOWN, BECKENHAM, KENT

July 28, 1872

MY DEAR SIR:

I read your article with the greatest possible interest and admiration. I should be very glad to see you here and see a few of your specimens but I labor under a great disadvantage as I am much out of health and am utterly unable to talk with anyone for more than a very short time, and some days I can hardly see anyone, but if you will take your chance and come here and allow me to leave you as soon as I feel my head failing I shall be delighted, yet I fear it will not be worth your trouble.

Here is another misfortune, I expect _____ to come here on Tuesday or Wednesday and I could not possibly talk to two persons on the same day. We lunch daily at 1:30 and dine at 7 and we should be very glad to see you either time or at about 4 o'clock. My head is daily bad from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. I enclose list of trains. Orpington on the S.E. Ry. is our nearest station, 4 miles from this house.

Pray forgive me for writing so much about myself and health but I could not avoid doing so without leaving an impression of inhospitality on your mind. If you think it worth while to come, pray inform me of day and hour, that I may endeavor to keep as fresh as I can.

Believe me, dear sir,

Yours very faithfully [etc.]

J. T. G. (written about 1912):

The discussion of the subject interested Darwin to such a degree that he invited me to dinner in order to continue the interview. He referred me to the German author, Moritz Wagner, who had already discussed the subject of isolation, whose analysis of the subject, however, was evidently so incomplete that my statements awakened in Darwin's mind a new interest in the subject. At the close of the interview, he exhorted me not to keep my investigations to myself but to "write, *write*," he reiterated.

Gulick's next desire was to bring a more adequate account of his studies before the annual meeting of the British Association which was to occur in Brighton that August.

Charles Darwin to J. T. G.:

DOWN, BECKENHAM, KENT

August 8, 1872

MY DEAR SIR:

... I know so little about the proceedings of the British Association that I really cannot form any opinion whether

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the Section would consider your paper too theoretical. I imagine that they do not decide what papers to read until each day arrives and they can see what time there is and how many papers have been sent in.

Shortly after his presentation of the subject at Brighton, he prepared a somewhat fuller interpretative analysis for publication in the *Journal of the Linnean Society*, through the courtesy of an introduction by Wallace.

Alfred Russell Wallace to J. T. G.:

THE DELL, GRAYS, ESSEX

Sept. 3, 1872

I will send your MS to the Secretary of the Linnean Society with my recommendation, and I have no doubt it will be *received, read and printed* but not for some time as the session is now over till November. It cannot therefore come on for reading till about December and would be printed in about March. . . .

Could you not prepare a map to illustrate it? In case you should not like to wait so long for its publication I will not send it for a week or two, as there is no hurry, and if you are likely to be in England again in the beginning of next year it would be better for you to read it yourself or be present, as there would be sure to be a discussion.

Wallace's kindly suggestions were all equally impossible to carry out. As for the map, in particular, Gulick's place-names existed nowhere outside of the Hawaiian Islands, except on his labels and in his fading memory. Letters to Honolulu failed to reveal any published map on which they could be located, and it was only by making a combination of oral historic lore with a personal check-up of some of the localities when there in 1873 that Gulick was able to assemble the map which he used in later years. Meanwhile, this paper went before the Society on November 21, 1872, without accompaniment of a map.