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Dear Mr. Jones,

Your letter of the 28th May has been passed to me on my return from holiday.

Your forebear was a very distinguished son of Downing. I enclose a photostat copy of the entries in Who's Who 1914 and Venn's Alumni Cantabrigia, in case they have not come to your notice.

He was elected a Fellow on the 24th November, 1888, on condition that for the first two years he performed any College duties he was called upon to perform (a normal condition). He does not seem to have performed any duties but attended most Governing Body meetings except during 1891 when he appears to have been away from Cambridge from July to December.

He was President of the Union Society in the Lent Term 1886, having previously served as Secretary and Vice-President. He was therefore President on the 24th February, 1886, when new rooms were opened on the site on which Waterhouse's building had been erected in 1866. A dinner for 180 gentlemen was held in the Debating Hall. Prince Albert Victor of Wales (an old member) was the guest of honour. Waterhouse proposed prosperity to the Union Society and the President replied.

Sir Ellis Ellis-Griffith's bust was lent about ten years ago so that a copy could be made of it for a museum at Brynsiencyn, Anglesey. The original is at present in the Muniment Room as we are afraid that if it were displayed in a public room it might suffer from undergraduate pranks (or worse).

If you will let me know at what time you will be calling at Downing on the 7th July, I will arrange for someone to show you it, if I am unable to come into College that morning myself.

Yours sincerely,

Stanley French

P. S. I have just discovered that Mr. Griffith was present at a dinner given at Downing to Lord Justice Russell of Killowen on the 11th November, 1897. I enclose a copy of the menu.

Nov. 11, 1897, a dinner was given to Lord Justice Russell of Killowen. His only surviving son, Sir Ellis Arundell G., died unmarried in 1934, when the title became extinct. (Law Lists; Burke, P. and B.; Middle Temple Bench Bk.; Who was Who; The Times, Dec. 1, 1926.)