

AL/3305
Chace House

My
Christmas Day

1897.

Dear Mrs Smith

I have been interviewed so often
that I should have thought the public
must have had enough of me! But
I am sorry that I have none of the
resulting articles to send you - Nor have
I time, in my very busy days - to
write all you ask. But you can
gather enough from the list of my
books (4th are in all libraries)
Perhaps you might say that cordially
as the public have received all my
books, the favourite seems to be Two
Happy Years in Ceylon pub^d in 1866
by Chatto & Windus

I have NO intention of travelling
any more, but hope to end my
days where I now am in this
pleasant Perthshire town -

My own home was in Morayshire,
You will find my description
of our own lovely Caves in
Good Words for this month
of Dec. (They have omitted by

far the prettier sketch I sketched
them, & reproduced the other very
badly - but please do not say that!)

Both - parentage eyes are in
"Who's Who" - or "Men & Women
of the Day"

I travelled 12 years - almost
always ~~as~~ the guest of the Governor,
the Bishop, Judge or other Rendar
just ~~now~~ to see the world & fill
great portfolios of water colour paintings
of ^{the} several hundred have
frequently been exhibited in Indian & Colonial
& other great Exhibitions.

Now my one absorbing interest is
the development of the Numeral Type
for China - a wonderfully simple
invention by a man who started in
life as a crippled ^{man} ^{lost his left arm} ^{had in a}

reached China as a Merchant
I have been all this year preparing

the story of his life & work
is right to be out now, but will
be in about a fortnight.

Please say anything you can to
call attention to this book.

Please return I. S. Robinson's notices
of the proof sheets. Also ² the list
of my books. And ³ the Photo.

Believe me

Faithfully yours

Constance Frederica Gordon-Lindsay

You will find the essence of the system
on the first page of the pamphlet
I do not want back.

An Intrepid Traveller. WILK AL/3305

Miss Constance Gordon-Cumming was seventy-five last week. One of the most famous of travellers, and fairly familiar with most parts of the world, Miss Gordon-Cumming probably has a deeper knowledge of China than anybody, hence the surprise occasioned by her statement the other day that she knew nothing concerning the awakening in the Far East. Miss Gordon-Cumming is the youngest sister of Ronaleyn Gordon-Cumming (brother of Sir Alexander Gordon-Cumming, the third Baronet of Altyre), the famous African lion-hunter, familiar by his surnames only. After leaving Eton he got a cornetcy in the Madras Cavalry; but the "call of the wild" was too strong to resist, and he threw up another commission in the Cape Mounted Rifles and took to lion-bagging in the wondrous fashion that entranced others besides the youth of a former generation. Ronaleyn Gordon-Cumming has now been dead over forty-six years.



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"ROUALEYN" D.N.B.

IN the late King, who was laid to his long rest
last week, Denmark lost a wise and good King,
but Christian Charles Frederick Albert Alex-
ander William, now King Christian X., will be a
Sovereign after Denmark's own heart. Beloved as
Crown Prince, the Danes have no reason to doubt
that he will be even more satisfactory and popular
when occupying the throne, where his late father, as
well as his namesake and grandfather, Christian IX.