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My dear Mr Chesson

We have been greatly excited in Bepetoun this week.

The Pall Mall (telegraphical by Reuters) informed us of Warner's appointment. This

raised ^{us} a wave of joyful

thankfulness. Even the Dutch

were pleased! The news was

definite; the policy was clear:

uncertainty was removed. My

the "Iuid Alpi Kasi" croaked:

it was bad news for South

Africa for Warner was the

uncle of Bethell! But then

the indispensible Reuters next-

day sent us all into the

deep trough of the sea from

the elevation which is previous

news had carried us. The

all that those who speak for you
nowadays can manage is, to
produce some promise from
the Kaunswaal for someone
who believes the Kaunswaal
will fulfil that promise? to
one either on your side of
Howards or on this, either in
London, in Capetown, or in
Pretoria. It is a sham.

I have ^{printed} the prospectus
- in fact more than one prospectus
- of projected societies or leagues
or Associations - by which it is
hoped to see good here. I have
ventured to add to the prospectus
by sketching out what I thought
would be a sound basis, I
would ensure a Dutch Man-
bership: that which was the
highest patrimony at present
is a purely English affair.

very largely Imperial, & ap-
pealing to a set of motives
& feelings which will not stir
the Dutch community. Whether
they can broaden their basis
& merge the Imperial into
smaller concerns, & raise
the Colonial work into the first-
place - remains to be seen.
If they don't they fail inevi-
tably. Some of the leading people
here profess to have a poor idea
of the Dutch as such. I am
certain they are wrong: & every
day increases this conviction. Edu-
cation will do all that is required; &
a political association, to do good work
here, would need loyalty, patience &
trustfully to turn its attention to edu-
cation of the people on certain im-
portant points. Impatience, distrust,
unfurling the Union Jack &c &c go too
much together in certain people's
minds & cannot lead to any lasting
success.

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Sir Percival hinted some time ago that I was thought of by some as paid Secretary of such a society. I at once pointed out what I believed was its essential weakness - it looked over the ocean for nearly everything - might collect the Empire but would find our place in the body of the Dutch - making at the same time certain suggestions.

He answered that but if you are the paid Secretary the responsibility of the policy will rest on those who pay you. Quite clear, but all the more reason why I should do as best I can to get the thing on the right lines while I am on an equality with its founders & not in their pay. - G. I. S. S.

use they will look for another
Secretary. At the same time
I have given the former no
answer, what I would
reply in the way of re-
ply the Dutch bookman
which is not only to be in
such reports. I certainly
would not think of joining
"Proving a mere flimsy
English" Society - which would
be doomed to failure from
its birth.

Open broad boat in
the Dutch people. Sell their
the part - history of the country.
Shower it upon them in
amusing, taking pamphlets
&c. Teach their students
responsibilities connected
with free or responsible
government. Do not before

then the rapid methods the
mechanical appliances the
go a head ways of Australia -
have & American farmers -
teach these that the spread
of European must be a
matter of legislation & control
from Colonial matters as
such - declare for the value
- the necessity - in a European
Commission & express the
autonomous opinion that
England by right - & by her
official action in the past -
is that Rome - Sheath
also - you like as the
end - not in the require-
ment as some worded -
of the Federation of Colonies
some another & England
- and by some such way

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You could do good for
counted in form & educate
your people here.

I have a clear enough
idea how to thing could
be done & how the "Board"
could be instead of many
of its supporters, in the course
of time. But I shall have
nothing to do with a particular
thing that tacitly gives the
Dutch people the go-by
from the outset.

Excuse a hasty note.

I am ever yours sincerely

John Mackenzie