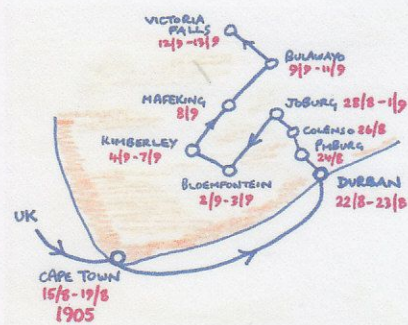


A TRIP TO THE FALLS

Between 8 and 15 August 1905, 380 members and wives of the British Association for the Advancement of Science arrived in Cape Town at the start of a tour of Southern Africa.



In Cape Town the Annual General Meeting of the Association commenced. Professor George Howard Darwin, the son of Charles Darwin, was formally elected as President. Then the party travelled through Durban to Johannesburg where the meeting was concluded.

Afterwards the group of 330 proceeded by train through Bloemfontein,



and then through Kimberley and Makefing to Bulawayo where they arrived on Saturday 9 September, after a journey of 38 hours. Professor Darwin opened the Rhodesian Museum.



On Sunday the post office was closed and trips were made to the Matopos, with a service held at Rhodes' grave. On the evening of Monday 11 September the group travelled by train to Victoria Falls arriving early the following morning, 12 September. The morning was spent visiting the Falls and other points of interest.



That afternoon (the day being the 15th anniversary of the arrival of the Pioneer Column in Salisbury) Professor Darwin formally opened the new railway bridge over the Zambezi River. The party left Victoria Falls on Wednesday 13 September returning to Bulawayo.



On 14 September the party broke up, some travelling home north through Salisbury to Beira and the Suez Canal; the rest travelled back home through Cape Town on the West Africa route.