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Hooker takes job

Today Joseph Hooker has taken the role of Director at the botanical gardens Kew as his father, William Hooker, has retired. Having gained experience in botany, he decided to take his father's place. Before taking his place, Joseph Hooker was a surgeon in the Royal Navy; he needed money. While he was a surgeon, he still went on expeditions. He could go on to going on a voyage with to India with Charles Darwin: his idol.

Whilst in India he was arrested by the Rajah for venturing out of bounds. Joseph quoted, "It is an honour and a pleasure to be working at Kew." Since he was seven, Joseph Hooker wanted to study his father's plants. Maybe he could become successful just like his father was.

The Kew Gardens is an eye-opening place where you can visit to see species of plants that are not necessarily from this country. Having written a book, he has inspired many people to be botanists and follow his footsteps.