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My dear Howard,

Thank you for your
note which it was very good of
you to write whilst so busy. I
do pity you in your grind as I
well know from painful experience
what it means. In fact I am now
undergoing the same process with the
prospect of a Classical Exam. before me
& a subsequent hasty retreat to
Manchester where I expect to spend
another year in the bosom of my
family. I never before felt so
unfortunate or so quite at sea in

An Exam. to begin with the
Physics papers were horribly mathem-
atical & you know what that means
& then instead of biology we are
having physiology in wh. to put it
in a milder kind of way. My
knowledge is not very vast as I have
never given any time to the subject &
only learn something indirectly through
Zoology.

However I had it out with
the Examiners afterwards when he
comforted me by saying that we
were going to have anatomy on
physiology in Monday (the other had been
practical) but I have reason to think
that he saw I was carrying things
a little too far. I told him

that I had come prepared to
dissect creatures & he asked me if
I should like him to give me
some dissection a proposal to which I
readily assented. I also took
occasion to inform him what I had
done at London in biology, altogether
we had a very pleasant but too
a scarcely satisfactory interview,
So much to Stammer. May you
meet with much more success in a
week from now than I am doing.

I am awfully sorry about poor
Leonard there were 68 in for his
school! Competition up here runs
rather keen. Thanks you for
your card about the sports. I was
very glad to get it & to hear that Rida
had got a medal. I was afraid
it would knock him up but hope he
is getting all right again now.

This is such a grand place I
wish you could only come up
here & we could take our degree
together. It will be a great
contrast to our year at Owen whenever I
come up here & the same also if I
go back to the College again.

I shall see you on Wednesday
evening. Don't make yourself ill
with work. Love you
Baldwin.