Dear Howard,

I have kept you a very long while waiting for your letter this week - now I shall have to ask you to excuse a very short one. We have been up (that is to say Exeter Coll.) very...
very excited lately.

The eight have been on & so has our boat, has gone head of the river--the college has been somewhat excited however we are quieting down now though from the row at the last evening of the races anyone would have unimagined that the place was inhabited & quad-men. We illuminated the whole college with Chinese lanterns. The ships in Oxford being pretty well ransacked for this purpose. About nine we started a bonfire in the middle of the quad clearing out all the fussets we could lay our hands upon & also getting rid of some old furniture out of the lecture rooms. This was an eminent success as there were good supplies of paraffin at hand
I have been too busy to write much about politics, and my interest in them is much used to the "Pull downhill." which of course is much used as we have no gas in the rooms but lamps. Altogether it was a great success though I am thankful it does not come often.

I can imagine how beautiful everything must be around A.S.: something up here our horse-chestnuts are getting quite brown now. It seems almost past spring especially with such weather as the last week has been. A week today words begins: I am very badly