



Coll. Egan.

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Dear Howard

This will about reach you when (I hope) you are starting your next to me for I always look out for your "post" on Monday evening or Tuesday morn. I have been so busy this week that you have indeed been put off till the very last moment: this is the first afternoon which I have not spent at the Museum

in my work but I have been
down to lunch with a man in
Christ Church & we sat chatting
away on things Scientific & general
till nearly four & so I have
just come here to dislodge myself
of a slight amount of correspondence
& then get to my reading.

I am accepting the plan of
giving Saturdays (that is the
reading part of the day) up to a
recapitulation of the work done
during the week & fancy it will

pay me. I hope your reading
for the first L.P. goes well.

This week has of course settled
the fate of poor Frank: I think
I'll write & wish him success
before the result comes out as I
don't quite know how to write if
he fails.

It is somewhat of a good job
that you & Cecil are not anxious
to get into Oxford from the South
just now as the floods are so
high that the water is over the
face of the earth to the depth of

some 3 or 4 feet: it is something
dreadful: from Maydell. Bridge nothing
is to be seen save water with trees
growing out of it: the river course
is completely hidden & at last it
has covered one stone in Maydell which
has never before been thus covered
within the memory of man! the
new works at the bridge which you
may perhaps remember are simply
deluged with the water rushing over
them. We are more unfortunate
apparently than you are in the North:



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one cold : snowy morning last
week brought down numberless
leaves though the trees are yet
very beautiful.

Last Sunday we had a
sermon from Jowett which had
perhaps more in it to set me
thinking about than any I have
ever heard : he stated his position
very clearly & unmistakably. He
quite gave up belief in the
Divinity of Christ or in any such
thing as ~~that~~ is generally understood

by the "inspiration" of the Bible saying
that this was to be judged by just
the same standards & tests which we
should apply to any other literary
work: he clearly pointed out his
belief in the evolution of religion &
that our present Christianity was
by no means necessarily the highest
or final form & you could easily
gather also if you followed him
closely that he pointed far more to
an ideal of what he called "righteousness"
than to the existence of a Personal God:

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I don't know whether he was
wise in saying all he did or
whether indeed the ordinary ordinary
man would quite see what he
did really say but it was
intensely interesting to us & was
quite as broad really as anything
I have heard in other places:

Tomorrow we have Caerium Fawar.
Please give my kind regards
to Miss Emily & thank her for her
letter which I will answer when
a convenient opportunity shall
arrive: yr friend

W.H.S.