

Nov. 12. 82.

Dear Howard

I had intended to write to you last night just before 12 so that ~~I~~ you could not say I had not written last week, but somehow it did not come off as I was sitting with another man who is ill till 2-30 a.m. this morning & getting to my rooms after that adjourned my resolution to or rather the putting into practise of this till this aft. & am now endeavouring somewhat to make up

for failure in correspondence during
the past few weeks.

I was glad to hear that Frank
was through: it was quite a relief
as I did not really expect it.

What a relief it must be to
him & to all of you indeed in
Ellie's name.

As yet I suppose
he has no definite idea as to what he
is going to do in life & rather hope
that this won't make him want all
the more to go in for writing.

I fear it must be rather vexing
to you to see the result of the laws

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Schul. as you might have at all
events have secured a prize of a
few pounds & for myself I never
require anything however small of
the latter description.

Last Sunday I had a very
jolly walk to Dorchester & back along
the road which you & Cecil passed
over during the vac.: I know
the Dorchester end & the Oxford
end as far as Sandford & Littlemore
but had never been through Muchelney
before: the cottages in this are
very pretty & it is such a curious

arrangement - all lining
one long street ← no such thing
as ships. The trees all round
were beautiful ← much better than they
are with us here in Oxford itself.
we have such delightfully bright clear
mornings now with not a cloud about
but in the afternoons it darkens & usually
pours during the evening.

Last Tuesday
I had one of those confounded 'stand-ups'
at the 'Rectors': they is wretched institutions
I hope you are going on all right as
you may imagine there is nothing in the
way of news & being anxious to send
Miss. a line in return for numerous
ones from her I will close.
Love from
Your friend

WMS.