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W.S.M.
Friend

the New Year + accept the same yourself from your sincere friend

Dear Howard

I am writing this evening, not knowing whether the post will get in on Monday morning early enough to catch you before setting off, to send my best wishes for the New Year + also for success in

your immediate work: I do
hope expect also that you will
get through my of course shall
understand why you have not if
you don't. You are

perhaps not missing very much
by not being in Oxford this
week end: I should much like
you to have come only the weather
is simply diabolical & we could
not do or see much. On reading
Sykes I found I was absolutely

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the only one (Dons included) who
would be about the place so judged
it better & cheaper to retire into
lodgings for a season & accordingly
took rooms in the same house
in which one Leonard: after today
I hope to have his rooms which are
now occupied by another man: if
I shall feel perfectly at home.

I was glad to hear the letter
news about Mr. Lea & hope the
improvement may be maintained:
they cannot surely hope that she

will ever permanently recover.

Will you please thank Mervin & Polly for their Xmas Cards: I know I shall get fearful blowings up for not sending any only I told you before how things were & there has been very little more time to get anything done for New Year.

Do you know Leonard has gone to Naples? I am very glad he has done so as his health really required a change & I only wish he had gone straight away: he must ease in a little as regards reading. Will you please give my best wishes to all at your house for