Coll. Exon.
March 3. 83.

Dear Howard

I am endeavouring
as far as I can with a cold
hand to write to you: the
beautifully clear sunsets which we
are just now enjoying are also
besides beautiful somewhat cold
to the hands when walking.
Quackwider + I after lecture have
just been a stroll: he is in
a very anxious state today as the
Poll for the President of the Union
is on. Polling here is somewhat

of the nature of a parliamentary
election: each candidate has to
have a representative there (it
is open for 5 hours (at intervals)
during the day. It is expected
that there will be a very keen
poll today - probably 600. My
own art of 9 p.m. there comes
the counting. All this I am
saying to represent somewhat wildly
the Vanalilof await the result.
I hope & quite think he will
get it: though there is a strong candidate
up against him.

the thing is a very nice thing to be
though I have determined not to try
to do anything there. It takes too
much time. The 'Varsity science
club is as much as I can stand:
the Vane is I elected one Treasurer +
[the] Vane is [a] secretary for next term.

You seem to be labouring under
the very false idea that there is
something the matter with me : true
I don't feel so well as at the beginning
of the term but beyond that I am in
the best of health though by no
means sorry that the term is so
closely at an end.
There was one bit in your letter which

was calculated to make any scientific man simply feel as if he could jump upon you — that was the part in wh. you spoke of the "variety of nature seemingly indicating design". Vary "design" in its ordinary meaning which is that living objects appear to have been specially created to live where & as they ~~do~~ now do there is nothing which is more warmly denied than this. If you look at & examine carefully all living objects you find always that each one is the resultant of a certain number of changes produced by external influences on a primitive organism wh. possessed the power of adapting itself to its surrounding circumstances & that