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Dear Howard,

I hope this may catch you before you set off on Monday - where you are going to I have not the very faintest idea - as your allusion to a trip with Cecil in your last note was the only thing which I had heard about it: however this being whiff-week I suppose you meant that you were off tomorrow & I hope you may have a very jolly trip wherever

Jan 30. The week has at all events started well with us for today is glorious enough to make up for the abominable weather with which we have lately been blessed. Just now also the "eights" are on & Oxford is full of visitors: for 3 nights our boat has kept head & there is every prospect unless some accident happens of its remaining there if which should happen we shall double but Oxford knows that we are head of the river on Wednesday evening next: old chavis & such like lumber

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will be in great demand. This week must have been a very quiet & uneventful one to you after the interest of the preceding one & now you have got to wait for the Auctioneer as patiently as you can: I wonder whether you people will notice your willingness to take ourselves or go onwards in a general kind of way to Whalley Range which is a very broad term includes two or three houses. The Messrs. asked me to go to Scotland this time but I can't as my time is pretty well cut out & what part I am not reading is not likely to be spent far away from one particular spot though the latter may

perhaps be a somewhat movable one: I
hope to be home in 3 weeks that is on
June 2. to remain at home all that
month & then come up here in July &
stay till the middle of August then go down
to our people in Derbyshire for a fortnight or
so whilst somebody is with them & then
come up here in September for another half
year till the London Exam. comes on in
fact till Christmas. This is far from being
one's bean-ideal of a 'long' but under the
present circumstances it appears to be the
best thing which I can do. Have
you yet been over to Disley: I can't tell
you exactly when to find their cottage
save that you go up the Hill on the
left after leaving the station: I hope to
be able to tell you more about it in rather



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less than a month's time. They seem to enjoy it very much: I think it is very nice to go out into the country from town every evening & wherever I have to live shall try to manage to do this: we must keep though where your friends can get at you.

Maximilian & I have just been having a long chat about what we intend to do in life: he will go in for a more or less public life & I fancy will do well: he has got good powers & plenty of go & self-confidence & some influential

relations in London who can help
him a good deal at the bar: I
have given up all idea of doing
anything in public + am going to
be content with the more or less
quiet life of a scientific man,
knowing of possible some public
people but living very quietly myself:
you I suppose will be one of the
big solicitors but really I always
come back to think that after all
the best thing is to have a really
happy home.

Will you give my love to

Cecil if you are going today + if
this should reach you before starting.
I hope you will have a very jolly
trip.

Yr friend
W.H.S.