

Coll. Span.

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Dear Howard

I had not time  
to send you and last night that  
Machinder & myself are both ploughed.

It is rather vexing but what we  
really expected after seeing the papers.

Our time has been too much taken  
up with other things apart from which  
we have had no help whatsoever in two  
of our subjects & in one have not been  
even able from want of apparatus to  
do the greater part of our practical work

Yours  
H. S. G.

while the other we only settled to  
take up after Christmas.

We have simply been trying to do  
too much as of course our own  
subject which we are reading here has  
reconstituted our reading of by far the  
greater part of the time if we were to  
keep up with the other men who were  
speaking there while we are at it. I  
cannot see though we should probably  
have come off well in 'honors'.

However it is over & I am now  
beginning to read for an exam. here in  
Chemistry with some off in case than

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a fortnight & for a time, I must read  
hard not having begun yet.

This aft. I have been to a

Lecture of Ruskin's nominally on  
Temple & Seel but really on woodcuts  
& things in general. I did not care

for it very much as he got badly rattled  
with his egotistic style & was down on  
every body. He styled Pevsner - that

immortal Periodical" + spoke of the  
"demoniacal beauty" of certain objects: he

also simply raved against the  
hideousness of "those buildings erected by  
the University for the torture of her  
sons" - building one which a huge sum

+ i.e. the new school.

had been wasted whilst her art  
Professor was left to languish in a faint  
whilst praising highly Du Maurier's <sup>drawing</sup>  
he blamed him for his utter neglect of the  
Merchant classes of England. The Lecture  
was of course packed + I was unfortunately  
almost too far off to hear. Next week we  
have another on "The Hill-side - Robson &  
Copley Fielding". I shall be very  
thankful when this term is done - we have  
got 4 weeks yet. Doubtless you enjoyed  
last week end much: did you tell me you  
were going for it so I had not realized it +  
did not really know till Monday. I really  
feel too utterly weary to write so will  
stop: lately at nights some of us have  
been holding discussions which perhaps don't  
allow us to have as much sleep as is good