

Feb. 18. 84.

Dear Howard

I was sorry to
get your card saying you
were not coming on Saturday:
it is I suppose a chancy case
& such (judging from Bleak House
principally) are liable to be put
off in most inexplicable ways.

However I shall be glad to see
you for a few hours when you do
come & only wish that I could offer
you a bed but as there is not one

I expect very well.

Unfortunately trains are considerably
awkward between here + Cambridge

the Cant leaves at 4.30 + gets

there at 5.15: this of course
stops at every rural station +
the ride would be really exciting.

It seems to be the usual time for

trains to take runovers. What

will you do? In the first place it
gives you very little time indeed here:

lunch would be ready in very
short time as soon as you get in but
that would only give us about 15 mins
after it was over. Could you

would possibly come up earlier in
the morning or is there no earlier
train. On the I, N.W. I

see that one leaves A.I. at 7.44
+ gets to O.P. at 1.35. It is
far more convenient to come I +

N.W. if there is a decent train as
this is the station from which you
will have to go to Cambridge + so
any luggage can be left there.

I have just come from another
of Tybri's lectures on primitive culture:
he has been dealing with the question
of order of sequence of stone bronze +
iron + has himself arrived at the
specimen that in a great many cases
at all events the bronze did not

precede the war in the way in which
it is ordinarily supposed to have done:
however I can't say that I quite see
the force of his arguments very clearly
which may be due in part to being
prejudiced beforehand.

As you say we cannot always have exactly
what we want: you certainly seem very
philosophically to have come to the conclusion
that such is best though it sounded rather
like 'sour grapes'. I should very much
have liked to have run over to Bristol
where Lillie is staying just now but have
in what I consider a most praiseworthy way
not done so. It is much the best not
to break into the term for it is quite short
enough as it is. Saturday was the half-way
day.

In haste,
W.B.S.