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Dear Howard,

Thank you for  
your note given to me at  
the station. It was very  
jolly of Polly & Emily to come  
& see me though by the way  
in which I treated them I  
fear they would not think  
that I thought so. I hardly  
spoke to them & will you please  
ask them to forgive my rudeness

thank them much for coming.  
I was very glad to see Frank  
also + Miss Sully: as the train  
only stopped a minute or two  
there was hardly time to shake  
hands + then get off again.

I did not see Emily's note  
till the train had gone on  
+ was very much amused with  
it. So the expression on  
the old face in the picture  
drawn by her + has the flou-  
rid a hand in it for it looks  
remarkably like his workmanship?  
If Emily has done it: it is  
very good. I melore it in

case you have not seen it - but  
please let me have it back  
as I must keep it. (what an  
amazing number of "it" I have some-  
got in this sentence!). As to the

parcel you bought me on  
Saturday I thought that  
anything in which Marion had  
had a share must contain  
some trick + so was fully prepared  
for her part. The rest was very  
welcome + will keep me quiet  
when otherwise I might be  
crying. The country did  
look splendid all the way  
up but the sun set just after  
leaving Banbury + it was quite

dusk before I reached my  
rooms. The latter belong to  
another man who has had two  
flings at "Krods" & is going to  
take another at Itmas. However  
the scout tells me that there  
is but a slight chance of his  
ever getting through so most  
probably after next vac. the rooms  
will be my own. They are  
next door to those which I had  
during the Exam. & look over the  
Broad. Their previous  
occupier seems to have <sup>had</sup> a most  
curious idea of art & from  
the strange confusion of pious  
books & drinking mugs in his

cupboard I should think<sup>s</sup>  
that he was rather eccentric in  
his ways. Before "Hall" I just had  
time to run over to Leonard's  
rooms then got back borrowed  
a gown for the occasion, not  
having had time to get one of  
my own, went in to Hall  
feeling most uncomfortable +  
not quite at home in my  
new garments. However no  
mishap took place + I am  
back again in my own rooms  
feeling, at present, everything  
very strange. Tomorrow  
I must see the Rector + then  
settle down in real earnest to

my work + to my "play"  
also. I intend joining  
the boat club + getting coached  
this term but when I know  
more I will let you know  
of my doings.

Yr friend

Raldwin.