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Dear Howard,

I came in to write to you earlier in the day but feeling even more empty-headed than usual put it off for a little. Our 'Schools' are at least definitely fixed at a date - June 5 - which is some 10 days earlier than we had expected. On the whole I am glad as 10 days reading won't make much difference in an Oxford exam, where beyond a certain point of necessary

knowledge it is not mere facts which
pay. That this is the case is rather
a blessing for myself as I have given
a great deal too little time to work
directly for the schools. I am one of
those fortunate or rather unfortunate persons
who is 'subposed' by the knowing ones
to be going to get a just only being
better acquainted than they can possibly
be with my mental acquirements +
deficiencies. I must confess to feeling
very far indeed from safe + a second
though disappointing is quite on the cards.

However 4 weeks ^{ago} today the result will
be out + may the powers be propitious as

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Note - Nabreck near Blackpool:
there is neither scenery nor sea
nor anything except Uncle Tom's Cabin
if you know that place on one side &
the chimneys & red brick cottages of
Fleetwood on the other.

Summer seems to be coming ~~on~~ very
rapidly: here we are of course in full
leaf & everything is just beautiful:
all Sunday till 11-30 p.m. I was
out on the balcony of my room
enjoying being quiet & reading
unusually. Tomorrow our 'eights'

commence : Exeter is of course head
with very fair prospects of remaining
there for yet another year of which
we shall take place there next
Wed. evening when all is over we shall
have just a slight row in college.

Will you please thank Emily for
her letter to which perhaps she will
excuse the delay in answering as I
was getting busier + busier.

Despite 'school' so near this
has been is being about the most

significant term in Oxford: there is a
strong kind of feeling about a
summer term here which anything
else causes.

Now I must get to
reading. To sweet friend
W.S.S.

Australian tomorrow: we be auto
us: our 'freshmen' are
apparently sandy but the 'eleven'.