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Dear Howard

I am very surprised to find that Thursday evening has come before I have written to you but please excuse me as the week has been an exciting as well as very busy one.

In the first place the Australian match was a great score. Of course all the men went & got drunk & perfectly out of form & made a poor show against the weak gentlemen's team which they ought easily to have smashed.

At one period it looked almost as if
Whitby & Bastard were going to pull the
match off. The latter of course has
never scored more than 0 before & they
hit he made was loudly cheered. The
two got settled & pulled the score from 190
to 135 & then lunch came on & of
course the first ball after this settled
them. Lancashire is on next week.
However I have but very little time in
wh. to go to matches only the ground
is next door to the museum & I look
in occasionally. I get lots of exercise
however at tennis 3 or 4 apts. a week.

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an Oxford mob which amused itself
with smashing all windows which could
be reached with stones. On the whole

it was disgusting: there is something
rather comic about a drunken man when
he reaches a certain state but it soon
gets sickening & I am in no hurry
for another such riot to arise.

This morning when daylight came the
college fairly looked a wreck though
now that the rubbish has been
carted away things are getting back
more to their normal state. You
ought to be in such a riot to understand

what we mean by a "ragging".

Tomorrow evening we give a concert which will probably be rather good especially the refreshments in the interval which is passed in the folks gardens illuminated with Chinese lanterns.

As the fine draws near I get very anxious about my schools but can only wait the result as quietly as possible. Ye friend

W.S.S.