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Dear Howard

When last I
write to you I dare not
think: also though probably
you don't know it you very
much to my relief missed
writing a week - The first
on record so I have felt
justified in missing two weeks it
is to be feared.

I don't in the least know when
I can get a letter in - my time

is filled up so much more
than I had any idea it
would be.

Good - I had arranged at least
for our long talks of walking
raps together to come off + around
this as a nucleus other things
seem to have accumulated to such
an extent that the whole side of
my rec. is filled. Townsend
I go up to Town on business +
take the evening express (S.N.) to the
North - by means of confusions

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Travelling reach Thurso at 6 p.m.
Thursday. From here I take

steam to the Orkneys - to a
small place near Stromness which
again is near Kirkwall. + if you
can write next week my address
up till Thursday will be
of Rev. D. Johnston.

Harvey
by Thurso. N.B.

This is an aged parson friend
of mine who appeared unexpectedly
in our lecture room at the Thirteenth
once about two years ago.

He had been a variety man in
primordial ages + had come up again

from the Orkneys where he lives
beyond the pale of civilization.
I got to know him & ever since he
went down he has been wanting me
to go & see him so having to go
as far North as Edinburgh to
make arrangements about some
publishing I determined to go on
further. However it is a weary
journey for only a short time &
I am beginning to repent me of
my rashness.

Various things combined have made
we have offed a little earlier
than I had intended doing &
the plan of my vac. is thus.

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(1) go up to Orquay for about
a week returning (2) to our
people on Aug 1 or 2 from
them where they are staying at
Cromford (3) come back to
Oxford on Aug 12. with Mr.
B. Billie + perhaps Dick. (4)
after a week here go to Colne
with Billie + then (5) start
on Aug 27 with Cecil for
a walking tour. We go along
the Rhine to Bingen thence take
train to Constance from there walk

all up the valley of the
Vorder Rhein right into
the heart of Switzerland. Cross
the Oberalp pass & then descend
the valley of the Rhodan to the
head of Lucerne steam along this
to Lucerne itself then walk across
by the base of the Pigi to Lake
Gy then across to Zurich &
thence home. If we can
manage it it will make a
delightful trip. Cecil will do
thoroughly enjoy it & it will do

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him good: we shall try to
do a certain amount of sketching
& are not particularly likely to
quarrel.

I am very sorry indeed to
see that Alice has got a
cold instead of a first in
Nobis. We ought most
certainly to have got the
letter & I fear that he must
be disappointed to a certain
extent.

The last month has been
very pleasant indeed with Julie
here. I wish we could
have another.

It is getting nigh unto 12 so I
must close.

I wish you had better news of
your mother to send.

As to seeing you I don't think
this can possibly take place till
September. Where shall you be
then?

W.S.