

Thank
you for your
gladness. Why are
not you giving a
paper?

Kind
regards to Flea. His
failure is still a



mystery & will
I fear remain
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Dear Howard

I am just
writing to say that I shall
be very glad to accept your
kind invitation to spend a
week at Alderley on my
way home as there seems to
be little chance if any that
by the 10th we shall be
disinfected. Next to going home
there is nothing I should enjoy
more than coming to you & I

shall much look forward to
the week. You will I suppose

be in town all the day or
nearly so. I must really

endeavour this time to do
something in the way of reading
as nearly all my real work
must be done in the vac. & also
if it be possible & I rest too
much in the way I shall be

very glad to start decorations at
once as we shall need all
the time that we can get.

I have not actually heard from

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Old Trafford for at least ten
days! & so don't a bit know
how things are going: thank you
much for your weekly budget
& its enclosures. They smell

quite "springsy" & make me rather
wish that the winter were past.

Up here we are longing for some
real cool weather instead of this
wretched mildness: my windows
are always wide open & then
the room is terrible hot & close.

I am beginning to work a little
more & am very thankful to
do so. My classic work including

classes (& logic too) takes up all
the mornings that is 4 hours:
the rest of the day, not spent
in boating & wh. will now I
hope mount to at least another
4 hours I spend in science
& just now in getting my paper
ready principally for the Biological.
This I have but begun this
week & find it will take a great
deal of time as it means going
through no end of books there
being not a single one bearing
anything like directly upon the
subject: at least that I can hear



of : there was a pamphlet in French but that I cannot get, much to my dismay as it is out of print. I feel slightly "dished". Though I have always spoken of coming down on the 10th I really don't know the exact date: the term ends then I believe but they have a habit (a rather awkward one) of giving us Exams. at Collye & as there is no accounting for the manoeuvres of "Dons" goodness alone knows when these will come on. I shall not stay up a

moment longer than it is absolutely
necessary & will let you know
definitely as soon as I can. The
main train from here (S.W.) stops,
I believe at Alderley; though if this
I really am not quite sure.
What you say about "Ernest Halthams"
- that it is very clever - I quite agree
with but in "Pierzi" there is
certainly something more than cleverness.
To me Ernest Halthams' seems to
put a very good face on what is
nothing less than immorality & in fact
there struck me as being attempts - very

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to atone for the rest

found - to pull in something religious)
"Pierzi" however is just splendid.

I am now enjoying Kingsley's Yeast.

To enjoy properly the latter's books
you not really to have read his

life: you can see so clearly then
what he is aiming at. The other

day I met a man at Evesley-

who knows the Kingsleys well & used
to stay at Eversley with them.

Charles Kingsley taught him to play
billiards but as he says he was
too young to appreciate it - then
& I don't think either that - he

could appreciate it much better-
now. This man has however one
good quality if no other - he can
play the violin beautifully. Exeter is
very musical & often you hear the
trumpet - violoncello - violin - French horn -
piano - harmonium going at the
same time in different men's rooms
of course @ playing a diff. tune:
sometimes it is slightly distracting.
Now I will cease. I hope your
brother is better & with many thanks
for your invitation I am

Your friend

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