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Anatomical Department,
Museum,
Oxford.

Dear Howard

Seeing that I have
got some 50 letters or so to
be acknowledged perhaps you won't
be very angry if you only get a
short one. (as usual.)

Thank you very much for your
kindness in this matter: I am
much relieved now that it is all
over & I can be quiet for a little
time though of course my work at
the Museum is going on as usual.
I've had a busy week - 6 dinners

in succession which is rather too much of a good thing also a very bad cold so that I have begged off yesterday & this evening, having to spend a good part of my evening in attending to my factory

again. ~~evening~~ ^{morning} I received at 8-30 a.m. an epistle from the Pastor of Lincoln telling me I had just been elected & asking me to meet him there the same evening. Some of my fellow-fellows, which of course I did.

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"Common room is quite different from any other kind of life but they appear to be a very happy family of finches & very unceremonious. I hope it would be long before you let me give you an evening in an "Open" common room. Possibly you may not speak upon what this is however. It is only the room to which the doors adjourn after hall & where dessert is served & the flowing bowl goes round. In ancient days it was of course the delight of a fellow's heart but such times are gone & every while drinking & much more reading is

was done. Lincoln only has 10
fellows + only 7 of these in residence
which I ~~much~~ prefer to a large number.

To change the subject: I fancy
our ideas on politics are nearly
similar: the late government made
rather a fool of itself during the last
day or two though even in this short
time of office I think they have done well
abroad. The Ball Mall last night
contained an ideal cabinet which would
be splendid if possible.

Many thanks again & best wishes for
yourself.

WMS.