

Don't I  
from whether to  
with you quite  
advice. I  
can't see success in  
county or flatland  
anyway. I think the  
will be quite right in  
having it out on this  
flat.

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Oxford.

Dear Howard

I took you at your  
word & did not write during  
the term - or previous to it very  
much I fear.

Thank goodness it is over & I  
must confess to being fagged  
having had more work altogether  
than I care for - that is more  
cramping work for the nature of  
the exam. necessitated a huge  
crum seeing that I have only had  
a very short space in which to read.

In the whole I have certainly  
done badly & unprofitably  
worth of all in my own subject &  
seeing that Mauley is one of  
the Spaniards it will come back  
with me & I shall not in  
the least be surprised at missing  
it.

This evening I am enjoying  
deeply the feeling of having put  
behind me my last exam. For  
13 years I have ground pretty  
hard for exams of one kind &  
another: now comes the work of

recovery from studying of the  
exam system & setting down  
to some real earnest work. If  
they do nothing else exams, certainly  
enough you appreciate more fully the  
delight of real original work.

First of all <sup>comes the ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~</sup> intended  
& began work for the development of  
the "club" - a look to teaching  
purposes & side with this  
work goes a hard study of French  
& German. I feel utterly

ashamed of my complete ignorance  
of anything except my own subject  
I feel it still even <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ ~~sure~~  
that I am thrown in <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~  
common room into contact with

men who in different ways really  
are scholars.

Common room life is really very  
enjoyable & quite unlike - at all  
events in Lincoln - the ideas given of it  
in ordinary books in which it may be  
mentioned. However some day I

hope you will see what it is like for  
yourself & be better able to judge of it.  
I go into rooms in Lincoln in about a  
week from now after which please  
address me at the college: though very  
shortly after this I intend to come down.  
I was glad to see you were back at work  
& trust your ease goes well - Allie!  
have scarcely seen lately having been too busy  
to do, out from about the Bardett - nor does  
any one at Lincoln - won't do unless the result  
be good which is more than doubtful  
WMS