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Dear Howard,

I have had a very hazy and more of pales.

Dinner out is enjoyable but I find it rather tiring.

I was at a Christ Church 'fellow': a select part of about only 6. The man himself is somewhat of an officer.

I have quite given up all ties of being able to
distinguish me kind of part
from another & believe a great
deal of contrivance work is a
 Fraud. At that dinner however,
there was an interesting scene—a
fellow of New College, who should
have been a fellow of Christ Church but
was known not on account of his
religious views. It was one of
the last acts of Purcey's life to be
carried down in a letter to vote
against his election. I am
afraid Purcey was somewhat nervous as
far as we can hear. He & his
party declined to subscribe to the
memorial to Cranmer & Latimer put
up here & when specially written to
by the chairman of the Committee
saying that as the leaders of a distinct
Church party, their subscription would
be very welcome replied that they
would be extremely hardy
to subscribe on any condition.
that on the memorial should be
inscribed “Ecclesia ignitus
Marianis, purgata”! A triple
curl. The memorial was
up without their assistance.
On Sunday I was dining at New Coll. the best High Table I have yet dined at. I had a long discussion after dinner in a room with one of their chief clergymen on the subject of specialization, maintaining that this was absolutely essential. Afterward, I had a talk with Sylvester, the great mathematician whose name you may have heard. I feel dreadfully young and inferior among these people but find them all extremely kind but still have not come across any Mark Pattison to damp one's energies. Fortunately as a science one can be
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Alland—were expected—to be
emergent to a certain extent.
I have just come in also from
a dinner at the Rectors.
It was rather a select party with
Max Müller, Mrs. Miss. the
Hon. Andrich, Merton, Canvas
Bright & a few others.
Fortunately at dinner I had charge
of a niece of the Rectors a delightful
girl & so much enjoyed what
might have been a promising meal.
I was much stunned with the great
May all our efforts be in vain.

Miss Marple

M. M. P.

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Royal Society before long ago.
I trust we will receive any art
arriving, but it is surely any
work in this way of having to spend
all my spare time in going out
which prevents any dry abuse
in the way of writing.
I hope you are all well at Bristol.
Please remember me to Emily.