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Dear Howard

I much fear
that this is my first
communication since getting back
to Oxford & it is being written
in fact in a train. I
am on my way out having
been extremely busy the last few
weeks & having just managed to
get through my work of dent A
Two all night sittings or nearly
so. It would be a
great advantage in some ways if

we could reverse things &
work by night. It is colder
there especially in summer & much
quieter.

However my night attempts have
been filled with disaster: first of
all on Sunday night the rain
came down in such torrents that
I simply had to lay hand on
every available hollow implement
into which to allow the water
to pour from sandy communication
established in the ceiling before
the internal & external atmosphere.
It is well that our one shoe was by

to bear the remedy made.
Old houses are very well till it
begins to rain.

Last night I put of all hands
an encounter with mice & also

boldly waded the room in
search of cache: however I scored
off them & pursued them even

to Pan to Neenubwa.
Then our collyer cat began to
annoy itself amongst the pots &
pans in any secret hole. After
considerable difficulty as the least
was put in a hole. After
side.

About 2 a.m. I was
wakened awakened with wailing &
crying of a drunken man who

steadily refused all offers of
his friends to help him home.

They suggested that were they drunk
they could quite expect him to
assist them home: the suggestion of
his being drunk was not very
cordially received but after protesting
for about 15 minutes that he had
not the remotest intention of going home
& suggesting that his friends should
go somewhere else the party moved
off & I was left in peace till
4 a.m.

We are just going across tonight
to Calais & thence via Lille &
Tournai & Brussels to Cologne
& possibly shall get to the

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Prachempels by tomorrow evening.
 After that we shall just go
 gently up the Rhine to
 Ningen spending 2 or 3 days
 on the way which can be
 steamed through very rapidly &
 shall go via Heidelberg &
 Speyer into the Black Forest
 & so to Schaffhausen. There
 we go to Zurich & up the lake
 or to Wallenstadt & turn up into
 the mountain there into the
 Jura where I trust we shall

quickly spend a week or
so - Then we shall walk
over a low pass which I
think the 2 gobs can surely do
to Altdorf (A Toll pass). This
is close to the high of Suemere
& I fancy we shall spend a
great deal of time on the slope of the
hills & then return via Kaul,
Steinbach, Brunnau & Antwerp
to Norwich. We shall
call in at Ohe in Sax
on our way home so that

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will be my address if about
3 or 4 weeks time. The gobs
then go south & I return to
Oxford for a little while & then
North. I should be very
glad to get to Spensbury with
you if I had time this
summer but fear I have not.
Perhaps we can get next year but
I don't make promise now.
Prof Marshall wanted me to have
a walking stick for the
safe with him but of course I
can't. This shovels train
shows so much that I can't

wrote & probably you could feel
that I should do & am
now writing.

Just to hear that things are
flowing if only "sneakily".
I am just getting out a good
long article.

~~You are quite right. I think in
not giving North & O'Connell what
they are there.~~

As in haste & disgust with this
train

RS.