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My dear Ron.

I reached here last night after dealing with my cousin's estate in Somerset and Devon. I rather hoped I might find a letter from you to say if you can come here on the 24<sup>th</sup>, as suggested by me when I wrote last. But I suspect you have been very busy or uncertain in your plans.

The only difficulty is this: The immense difficulty of finding accommodation now that every possible room and place is taken up by people who have left London owing to the flying bombs. I am told that they are booked up everywhere weeks ahead. So let me know as soon as you possibly can when you can come: or it may be simply impossible to get a room.

I am afraid there is another severe difficulty: that of transport. It is not possible to get petrol for the purpose this year. It is a long slow bicycle ride, and I will see if I can borrow one for you.

I find I have to be in Somerset from  
28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Ordinarily this is after the dominica  
Season. Even in a late year like this, I think there  
could be no new emergencies by then.

Excuse great haste. I have much to do  
to diagrams for my book, and the Higher Certificate  
is just starting and over 100 papers have just  
arrived. I shall be correcting 7 hours a day for the  
next three weeks - shortly thought. How I hope it  
may not be long before I can get away from  
Oxford and have a Professorship of my own.  
I should be thankful not to have to ~~earn~~ earn money  
by such a detestful work of Examining - and for every other  
reason.

In immense haste.

Yours truly,

Henry