

15 Cunningham Place.

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Dear Edmund.

I left Cambridge in a great hurry owing to a letter I had from Mr Havesfield so that I had not time to see after the Kilome, but I told Duplin about the books. I should have sent you Hinds Algebra before but I have been ~~waiting~~ waiting for your stockings and as there had just arrived a box with two boots in it I am glad I did not send the book before because they can all go together now. I must say I felt very much tempted to come and give you a good kicking as soon as I saw the Hieroglyphic

As when I saw your invitation I
determined to accept it at once, only
then I really do not know when I shall
be able to come because you know I am
now a man of great importance, perhaps
if you could let me know how long
you intend to remain at home I
might arrange it so as come down
and stop ~~so~~ until you ~~mean~~ intend
to leave & then we might return
together. in the mean time I can
set up hieroglyphics, animal ^{man} magic
and homeopathic nonsense.

Charles is going to try and get into
the U. S. Navy we are told that it is
not a difficult thing to obtain, The
East India Company are in want of
40 midshipmen or volunteers and they

have not been able to get more than
13 yet, it requires the nomination
of a director, does Mr Fisher know any
director? I have left my skates at
Cambridge so that if a frost comes while
I am with you I must get a pair
somewhere my skating is too good
to be lost. I have just made an
addition to my chemical knowledge
I have just heard of a newly discovered
reagent for arsenic acid. do you
do not say that your laboratory is
supplied with chlorine & I shall
bring some with me. You mention
that Emma was pleased with Charles,
Am I to understand that poor Bingham
as meet with another rival? I wasted
the greater part of a day in preparing
a set of verses for the press but Nelson
did not publish them. Beck is in a
great rage. Budworth almost crazy. a torget way
substituted for the bottle. Your verses ~~will~~

~~but~~ were much admired but you
are not thought to be the author, the
man who keeps in the rooms above
Taubney (I can not recollect his name)
is considered to be the ~~good~~ papa. I was
much amused by seeing ~~John Gibson~~
^{John Gibson} preparing for an evening party. he
was very anxious to make his dear boy
"My Master is
~~too~~ too much occupied with sound learning
to think about such a thing as fashion"

Remember me to Mrs Fisher and to Emma
Mamma sends her love.

Believe me to remain

Yours affly

John Gristall

Write soon