

St. Martin's
July 19th 1900

My dear Friar

We had your letter dated June 21st last Monday & we hope you got a nice "telegraph job" & also that the hand is better. Funnily enough Jack got his arm crushed the other day. He is in the Resolution & the Conqueror ran herself aground & he was sent in a picket boat to help. He started at 6am without any breakfast & at 2.30 they invited him aboard the Conqueror for lunch. The sea was rough, & he slipped with his arm between the picket & the big boat. He managed to scramble up & then nearly fainted. His arm is going on well but he can't use it.

The match Gentlemen v Players was very interesting this year. Gents. went in first & made 297 of which Foster the Oxford Captain made 102 not out. The Players made 136. 2nd Innings Gents made 339 leaving the Players 501 runs to get to win. Foster in the 2nd innings got 136. The Players got the runs with two wickets to fall!! Hayward made 111 & Brown Sen. 163 & Ablet 90. It must have been a splendid sight. We have the cricket week on, but it has not been very exciting except yesterday when Beckenham just managed to get Mr Seveson-Gowers side out 5 min. Before time with 16 runs to spare. Frank Brown made 100 on Monday against Oxford Authentics. I don't think we shall get to Looe this year, in fact not anywhere all together. Tommy is going to stay with Effie Smith on Monday.

Your letter got to Madameon her fête day & she was hugely pleased – Pearn? sent us some salmon? the other day & Mother sent him one of your photos. K.B. asked to be remembered to you, he always comes & tells Mother when the mail steamer is expected.

Much love dear old boy & take care of yourself.

Always your loving sister

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