

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1945.

My dear Ron,

How very kind of you in your letter to suggest a meeting in Cambridge. It would be the greatest possible pleasure to me to see you. I had been in doubt of dates as I had promised my Aunt's to spend a week-end when one of them returns from a Nursing Home, and the exact time still remains rather uncertain. However, I should certainly be free the week-end after next (12<sup>th</sup>) if that were possible for you. If not, I could certainly get a choice of dates nearer the end of the month. It is really most awfully kind of you to suggest it.

Unfortunately I may not by then have had a chance to do the catalogue of Lepidoptera, as the page-proofs of the Butterfly book are now upon me, and this involves the Index. They hope to publish this year; but all is now at a standstill until I return them, so I have to put up all time to that. I saw the Publishers (Collins) the other day, and they gave me

a most encouraging report. There have been such extensive  
advance demands, that they have not arranged to  
produce a 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of 20,000: rather a big  
undertaking in haste. It requires 12 tons of paper,  
which is equal to the entire allowance to some  
publishers for a year.

I shall love to discuss the final writing  
up of the Dominica paper with you, and it will be  
so nice to see you.

Yours ever,

Henry