

March 27th 1945.

My dear Ron.

How delightful to hear from you
and to know that you are safely back in England.
You must have had rather a wonderful time. I shall
soon forward to hearing something of it when we meet.
Yes, I suspected that you would be desperately busy
on your return, and that a visit to the primrose
colony would be out of the question for you. It would
have been a great pleasure to me to have joined
you if we had this fitted in with your plans.

However, as you say, from the point of view of the
observations themselves no harm at all is likely
to be done by an interval of two years. It may
indeed allow a better general picture of the phenomena
as a whole.

Yes, do send me the catalogue of
the two cases of lepidoptera. I can form a preliminary
idea of the material, and determine in what ways
it could be used to the best advantage. I could then

suggest a plan to you which we could discuss together, though it might be necessary to have a final look at the material before then stage. If it were any convenience to you, I could then arrange the exhibits, with appropriate labels, some time when I am in Cambridge. Be sure that it will be a pleasure.

The butterfly book is now complete, except for page proofs and index. The galley proofs have been done, and all the plates, descriptions &c, are in the hands of the printers. The maps have been a big job. It has been very slow, though I think worth while, to make them an accurate production. I do wish I could have had your opinion on an article on Polymorphism for Munro Fox's journal; but I was writing it just about the time you left, and it had to go in some while ago.

Yours ever,
H. W. M.