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My dear Fitch.

You will I expect have received my letter saying how very sorry I am not to be able to see you this week end. But I do look forward so much to our meeting next week.

I believe we shall be able to have the use of a car to take us up to Cotchill. That will be a great advantage: and I am so happy to think that I shall not inflict on you either long hot bicycle rides or a stay at Cotchill itself, with a huge aerodrome just beside the village and aeroplanes starting and alighting all day and all night. I so much wish that I had my own house back so that you could come to stay with me there: I am so sorry that I have to ask you to stay in College - I do so hope that you will be reasonably comfortable. Let me know, at your convenience, on what day you propose to come.

I had the enclosed letter this morning, of which I am sending a copy to Mather. It is,

as you will see, not clear whether it is Mathew or myself that the proposers wish to supplant.

Mathew has decided that a brief Committee meeting is desirable at Sat. Morning, chiefly for the purpose of nominating Temporary Members. He has asked me to send out agenda so as to save time. It need not, I think (and hope), occupy more than a few minutes. In my own view long Committee meetings are a pity when they coincide with meetings of the Society, and unnecessary since we have Committee meetings on occasions when the Society does not meet. I remember at Oxford I was taken from demonstrating my exhibit, which people were just getting interested in, to attend a long Committee meeting the business of which could quite well have been done on another occasion when the Society was not meeting.

Ever yours,

Henry