My dear Ron,

How very kind of you in your last 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 to spend a week and then 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 (12th) if that were possible for you. If not, I could certainly get a chance 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 now arranged to produce a 1st Edition of 20,000, rather a big undertaking in wartime. It requires 12 tons of paper, which is equal to the entire allowance to some publishers for a year.

I shall like to discuss the final printing of the Dominical paper with you, and it will be for nice to see you.

Yours ever,

[Signature]