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My dear Henry,

I am exceedingly sorry that we shall not have you with us this week end. My Lythrum is beginning to flower; but I have nothing from the test regeneres yet.

Yes, I can come to Oxford on Friday, 10th, as you suggest. I have a Committee in town in the morning, and could catch the 4.45, or indeed an earlier train if that suited you better.

I have just had your letter of Friday. I should suspect that the hope was to supplant Mather, on the ground that his term of office had expired. Perhaps you will be writing to de Beer yourself. I wonder who induced him to take this step.

Yours sincerely,
My dear F...er,

All is going according to plan. Callinomopha

dominates the pond-started to emerge. I went up to the
locally yesterday and, in two hours, caught 6 and
saw about 4 others flying which I could not capture.
These kinds so well out one should be able to
catch them or four dozen in that time. All these
kinds are in good condition, and one of them produced
emergence-fluid when I caught it. Last year my first
emerge was on the 15th when I took 48. Evidently the
species had been coming out for some days then,
and it was a considerably later season.

Of the 6 caught yesterday, 5 were normal
and 1 (slightly deformed) was a helicophilote. I marked and
released them all.

It is quite likely that a few may
come out each day for a few days yet before the
period becomes common. At this rate, I expect it
to remain really abundant up to about July 20th.

I had intended to go up this afternoon
after my X-ray photograph. But the weather is hopeless.
So disappointing. When it is reasonably warm, and there
is a cool wind, one can get up on a dull day
and run in the rain. But now it is bitterly cold,
with a furious wind and little signs of rain or
wind. All the birds will be hiding down at the
roots of the vegetation, and it would be a hopeless
task to hunt for them.

Ever yours,

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