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My dear Pippa I am so sorry to hear you've
had again - it makes me feel that my letter was
disparagingly selfish coming to you when you were suffering
with your usual almost tempting uncomplacency.
I do wish I could be with you & cheer you up
& look after you - May I come again sometime.
Do let me. Do write at once & tell me more
about yourself & wait you go to Cray. I think
you really ought.

~~Now~~ You left off giving me wise advice just when
I wanted it most. That my character prevented
any decent friendship as much as her. I suppose
I oughtn't to be so foolish at my age as to think
I could change (not my character) but my behaviour
& my attitude - but I think I could if I saw
clearly. You see I've never failed to make
friendship a very real & by ^{henceforth} ~~then~~ & here it

seems absurd not to be able to when there's so much to make it worth while. So do please go on & say where & how I fail on my side. It really interests me more than seeing where she does because I expect the effort to come from me. I want to go more than half way, any distance if I can see the way. So you who are so wise & understand so much can really do a lot if you aren't too bored & worn out with me & my helplessness.

The Oxford Socialists were nice young men with infinite good intentions but a bit fluffy in the head I think they thought me rather brutal and uncompromising. It was an amusing paper I think - probably it'll be published in the Burlington in wh. or indeed in any case you'll be expected to read it.

Please send me some more shock stories. I have another poem but I think I don't show it to you because I spec' it's rather horrid. It was to relieve my feelings at the same time as I wrote to you. Do you think I'm petty, hard and beastly. it's v. likely. It is bad to have all one's affection repressed & I'm afraid it turns sour inside. A letter will be very welcome. How I wish you were here. Yrs. Pope.

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