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My dear Pippa.

Last Friday the officers at Asansol gave a dance, so on Friday afternoon Herbert & I, the Henry Hud. Merton, and a man called Apostolides a Greek went up there to the Heights. The Glovers from Barakar, and Miss Peddie were also staying there so we had a large houseful. The dance was at the Institute and was a great success winding up with Sir Roger de Coverly at about half past three in the morning. The Apostle was much edified never having seen

a railway dance though he missed
a good deal of their quaintness as
only the highest circles of Arawal
society were invited. Ralph
deaved his gracefully, but he
was very goodnatured about
taking photographs and
always ready to oblige. Simply
can not write more, the heat
is too awful for words —

The above remarks being untrue
in every particular I will pass on.

There is going to be a grand
military tournament here for four
days on the lines of the one at the

Agricultural Hall at Solington. De-
tachments of troops from all over
India have come and it is expected
to be a noble sight. One of the
circus is staying with us — Captain
Robertson of the Central India Horse
who is J. Robertson's brother — He is
very like Sydney Strong in his be-
haviour and his method of talking
is an exact facsimile —

At last the fiendish M.D. has
sailed and will be here in a fort-
night or so when I suppose I shall
be released probably to go to Alla-

habad —
Yr. loving brother
Ralph