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Calcutta

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My dear Pippa.

I am just going off to Darjeeling for two days. To-morrow & Friday are holidays and I have got off Saturday so I can get two clear days there and come back on Monday morning. I felt rather nervous about asking for the extra $\frac{1}{2}$ day so soon after coming back but ventured to do it as I have got absolutely nothing to do here and spend most of the day in twiddling my thumbs. Stone

Offered me today to send
me either to Luckeeserai Gya
or the Farukhabad Ghidohabad
line in the N.W. I think I
shall stick to the Gya bridge
which is a good deal bigger
than any on the other line
though the latter is probably
a pleasanter country to live in.

Nothing has yet been settled
about our coming back late
but there are now hopes that
they will only cut us one
day. The weather is not
at all bad now and getting cooler
daily but most of the people

are still up at the hills -
Nothing more to say - I
wonder if we shall have such
a gorgeous time the next time
I go home.

Heigh Ho

When next home I go

I wonder if the times will be as high

But alas & alack

I've come back

With a briny little dewdrop in my eye.

Farewell

Yr loving brother

Ralph -