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Araucario.

They have refused my leave - and I shall -
get home till 1910 -
last winter -
off to Canada
Dad

My dearest Pippa

You never have answered
my letter; - I suppose you
have found it too difficult
and painful to do so -
You being especially Ruby's
friend, I can well see
it - In fact I cannot
but imagine you as blaming
me - in ways impossible of
discussion - In fact of

course the whole thing is beyond discussion, - at any rate by writing - Only I will say that since I had parted from you I do not see how better I could have acted than I have -

Of course, before, - in the earlier stages - dear Pippa I really cannot - ~~say~~ I could only say so much less than I mean - and be afraid that it would convey so much

more - I resign - But ~~to~~ I have been hundreds of miles - But yet I think forgivable - She would not = And so, as I suppose, hated also to be forgiven - And so, of course, how she done nothing unforgivable - except refuse to be forgiven - In fact there's no question of forgiveness, which means just nothing - The only thing is that ^{she} has refused to have any more of me; it is not I that am refusing to have any more of

her. And that is both
my defence, and also the
evidence against me -
All these things, with all
the details, which are
the worst part, go on
round and round; and on
top of course the fact
that she is the one who
suffers - But still I
will say I do not plead
guilty - I do wish
I could write and blow me
up or something - If as
I hope you are still Ruby's
friend, please write to her
occasionally news of Julia -
I really can't, and poor R.
feels terribly the loss of Julia -