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dear Philisha Long Jore, Hockling, Norwich
 It was really warm, benign
 day today after the marks, all calm & still - I do hope you have had the
 same translated - & I achieved to swim round the whole of the Double-headed
 Eagle, a ~~say~~ all fear & how delighted I was, it is the first time round, &
 how delightful it was. when the pool was still small, Joan Walker in
 one of her dark chps said "This is the best thing you ever did" now
 now it is out of sight better - tho' it is to a one who does
 not know it such a difference to one courageous to face it in the first place
 the farmer's, & swam alone "about a quarter of a mile"
 Catharine, a recent neighbour of my sort, who bathed in it while we
 were in Cyprus - she was the first to ever dip in it in its accustomed
 state, but she did not go round called it. There are long stretches of
 deep, deep water, much colder than the rest; & on the sides, are
 all vertical, except at certain alighting places, it is difficult for
 anyone not used to climbing into a boat from the water, &
 It looks so different from the water, & I noted several architecte-
 ral failings - once I took a wrong turn in the labyrinth & had
 to swim back because one of the bridge, left mid-stream, started
 so high & so green that I thought for a moment that I was banned
 but the deep water how exquisite. Several bits have fallen in &
 Werner the German, under direction & vast & clay repairs - I
 knew he would take the points, & told him it was like sculpting,
 the line of one break I pointed out at 12-15' bamboo, was
 crooked & ugly - I turned & did something, & when I came
 back to my surprise, for I hardly knew if he had taken in the
 full gravity, had been restored exactly. We have a metal
 ladder, ~~but~~ it is a small ship's companion ladder, secured at
 a jaunty sake, standing in the water, & so he worth off the
 side-stopping up. Now I think I will be able to do some
 work from the water, as I ~~can~~ swim.

The months were too late, just coming into flower. The
 bramble is one of the most beautiful ^{indeed} flowering shrubs &
~~is~~ when growing alone, as a clean round bush. The long
 gone bramble is a delicate pink & when surrounding by a
 tangle of full coarse ^{abundant} sort of fumitory, not now so common, but
 a species of vine - it is ^{indeed} lovely. These tendons upon tendrils &
 to my curling bay leaves, set close & a vivid yellow green, very
 by then smooth, could be eaten as salad I am sure. The
 hoary buds of the bramble are sublime - The flowering short sprays
~~are~~ ^{are} indeed to bramble taste, while in
 antiseptic

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shrub, may be a bramble.
has 2 ^{yellow} buds between them an open pink flower & so the whole
bud is beginning & almost smothered by flowers - pale pink & full
cream, or yellow & pink, is one of my beloved contraries & pink rose in the
garden in the midst of a full yellow border. And ^{full} brandy
bottle. The yellow water lily is very perfect this year - it stands well
out of the water, I think because it is a wet year - a dry year keeps
it in the clement. Even the fire weed I stopped & admired - that
was bay lorestripe, as it is called, & the bombesilie. I
remember meeting it first, when nothing held back by admiration, in
the sandy pine heath of Surrey, where I was at school. It has
reached ^{canary} marshes because of the rain - I
have been pulling it up in the Eagle, but all the ^{rest} ~~old~~ ^{new} I may stay ⁱⁿ
hand, I saw it so glorious - it is that I want scarlet, for the
people of the Double-headed - & it is a marvel with my a large &
rose - but, perhaps, I need not wait. We planted, one last
act east - Dec 1953, Phil. & ^{my} alpine strawberries in the Double-headed
& ^{my} bay of the Eagle, & they have fallen & I have eaten one scarlet fruit.
Long gone has become in our absence, the home of the pigeons &
lots of ring doves are nesting, & 2 lots of wood pigeons, all quite noisy in
the sand of the ring dove a wood pigeon, often cutting across each
other - & the 2 lots of dove, ^{coming in not in unison} not in the same amplitude, is lovely -
but the swallow will not return. The ^{the} coal tit, full of coal, is
left open for them for April on, as there was a bad cat incident,
a grievous loss. There are 2 lots of moorhens with chicks - I have
not seen them yet, only heard them - one lot in each of the brandy
dykes. Mr. Nobbs runs out daily in great excitement, &
scatters bread, which they devour - there is class on call, & the
news. I am staying on the 3rd, but if I have fallen &
lost ticket, & shall hope to see you then.

Yours etc

From Mr. Pallis.

P.S. My first paper is still ~~held~~ ^{accepted} - the tin tree & tadpole
paper said it was too technical. Ransbottom ~~will~~ ^{must} be away, as I have sent him 2 refusals, at very my
request; & he usually answers (return, recommending yet
another - ^{I have probably made} I have been into the highway & hedge & even
I try not come in, with the driver onto you? Bad if so,
for I need not be quoted.



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