

Cawnpore

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My dear Pippa,

I have just come back from Allahabad where I have been for a day - There are still a few critters left there whom I knew in days gone by but most of them had quite forgotten me so after embracing fondly about six images of blank disgust I cleared and remained incoq. A man called Sears who has just joined the E.I.R. is at Allahabad; he was in my year at Coopers Hill - There is also an R.E. Captain who was a professor of surveying there. We

would to call him the Prawn and he seems to be unchanged - It is a horrid bore that just as I have come back to this part of the world Arthur and Charley should just have gone away as it is quite easy to get to All? six hours or so, about the same distance as from Calcutta to Assam.

I have been introduced to a few people here, mostly millowners and ~~the~~ Theodon has given me a list of people to call on but I have not yet started on this painful business chiefly because I am too lazy, and partly because I ~~don't~~

haven't found out where they live - (These two reasons seem to be of the same nature) I have been put up for the club ~~and have~~ when everybody foregathers in the evening before dinner and have discovered another Coopergillian of my year by name of Clayton who is on the Ganges Canal - He went home with me last time.

It is rather good to think that with any fortune I shall be at 69 by Christmas isn't it? It seems ridiculous - I shall easily recognise everybody!

yr loving brother

Ralph.

P.S. Congratulations to Dick by next mail without fail.