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Chauch

28th Mar. 94

My dear Pippa

We have started
punkahs ^(day) and ice so that
we can no longer pretend
that the hot weather has
not yet arrived though
at present it is fairly
mild (84° in the house).

Lewis Paul & Herbert R.
came up to Chauch for
Saturday and Sunday

that is to say they came up on Saturday morning and on Sunday we went in to Bath's where we played whist all day much to Herbert's grief.

Several interesting items of news have been appearing in the papers lately one of which is that the Viceroy went the other day to the prize day of one of the Calcutta Colleges and in the

absence of Lady Elgin the prizes were distributed by Mrs. H. Babington Smith! The poor lady was killed off in the next days paper but meantime a severe shock had been imparted.

The other articles which have been the talk of the town are (1) that Dick of Ashwick has come into a large fortune owing to the discovery of petroleum at

Ashwick, and (2) that
Rothiemurchus is going to be
sold; all information
thankfully received by

yr. loving brother

Ralph Thackeray

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