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My dear Pippa

It is just as difficult to scrape up remarks to fill up a letter in Calcutta as anywhere else. I think I will relate the daily round.

Get up between 8 and 9. This is a great improvement on the mofussil where you get up between 5 and 6. Breakfast about 9 and drive to office at 10. I go nowadays in great state in Highet's brougham but when his H. comes out I shall have to go in my tumtum as suits my position. Office is supposed to

be from 10 to 5 but I don't
generally get away much before
½ past. We have tiffin at the
office at 2. People who ^{have} ~~subscribe~~
tiffin subscribe to the tiffin club
of which Herbert is the manager
the cost being 10 annas a tiffin and
4 annas a peg. It is considered a
great joke to call Herbert the
T.M. which also means Traffic
Manager. After office I generally
drive Hight around in the tum-
tum. The great thing is to drive
up and down the red road trotting
one way and walking the other. Every
body in Calcutta acts in this idiotic
manner and it makes a most a-
musing entertainment. As Hight

can't brook it however we generally
go for a drive round the Strand
road which is on the river bank,
and look at the ships. Then we
go to the band and either walk
or drive home. When there are
football matches it is the fashion
to go in your second best frock and
look on. At present there isn't
much going on after dinner but in
the cold weather there are lots of
gaieties when the people come back
from the hills. On Saturdays we
get a half holiday and have tiffin
at home. ~~The~~ Sunday is the day
for bachelors to call (between 12 & 2)
I haven't called on many people
as most of them are away; among

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those I have are Mrs Colles Sanders -
I don't know who she is but she
seems to be well up in the family
history and knows all about the
complicated relationships of the Grants
Plowdens Batters &c - Also Mrs
Ritchie brother of Richmond Ritchie.
his Margaret (I think) Cornish is
staying with them who is a friend
of Oliver's and also I believe knows
you & Dorothy.

Last Sunday Hight & the 2 Wrights
and I went snipe shooting and got
50 couple of which I subscribed
10 ^{2 which} ~~so~~ I am very proud it being my
record bag. I think I must now
cease. Hoping soon to have the
pleasure of driving you down the
Red Road.

Yr loving brother
Ralph.