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Friday

My dear Pippa

Here is the authorized
version of the state of affairs:-
Grace, having been rather
ill from a long course of
worry, succumbed to mental
suasion, and just before
leaving Australia decided of
her own free will that
there was to be nothing more

between us. I only heard this
5 days before she got back,
when I went at once to see
her, and she repeated what
she had already written - that
she had come to the conclusion
it was best not to be engaged.
Therefore we are not engaged.

At the same time I am con-
cited enough to believe from her
manner that she still really
cares for me, and as I am
more in love with her than
ever, I have every hope that

things will come out all right in
the end, and in consequence am
not very depressed about them.

I hear you are going to tea
with her on Monday.

I'm afraid the Garden Party at
the Staff College must be "off", as
I have to play cricket that day
(Monday, 15th) against the guards
at Chelsea. Will you come there
instead - I am told I may ask
anyone - tea, a band, &c &c, and
if you can get Grace to come with
you, & Dorothy or any one else
you like, so much the better - The

ground is called "Burton's Court"
& is opposite Chelsea Hospital -
nearest Underground Station, Sloane
Square. Any time in the afternoon.

I shall come up on Sunday morning
the 14th, or perhaps Saturday evening,
& stop till Monday after the cricket.

Will you communicate the first
part of this letter to Mama; it
seems that the important words
are "of her own free will", which
I don't object to as I am also told
that "she is old enough & wise enough
to choose for herself."

Yours affectly

Dick.

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