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Aug 1st /04.

Dear Pippa,

Please send the name of your French book for next year to me at my residence, Highbury, Mad Gird, Birmingham by the first day of September next ensuing. P. S. You may have two more volumes of Chateaux brand if you like. I really was quite interested in the old attitude in the though I can not agree with those who prefer the Memoirs to the Histories & the Martyrs. Is it not funny

How a certain pose can go
completely out of fashion.
When you think how he stirred
people up in his day & how
madly in love they were with
Keke! And his solemn compla-
cency in contrasting himself at
every moment of his life with
himself at another, & in gneu-
lating endlessly on how the
world would have got on
without him! The tragedy of
greatness seems to be rather
in the fact that one can contem-
plate such a possibility with
a calmness, the imagination of
which never entered his head.
It would have been a pity
no doubt, ma - !

I should have sent
you the usual brief & business-
like postcard without these
interesting reflections or vanities
(they please me chiefly because
they are so original), had it
not been that I was staying
with you last week & the
spirit moved me to tell you
again how much I enjoyed
St. I know that since the
death of the lamented &
immortal Collins, the hope-
table roofers has gone much out
of fashion, but there doesn't
seem to be any strict rule
against writing to your friends
after you have been staying
with them, & I should like
to mention that I had a very
good time at Morhanger &

that it was very nice so many of you being at home. I hope those who wandered off got to their destinations satisfactorily, & are enjoying themselves. My French trip is still wrapped in uncertainty & I believe it will be until I enter on it. I have heard nothing from Marian, who only gets her letters at intervals no doubt.

~~For some time I have got a new pump that pumps, & a thin light shirt for coolness, so I have made progress. (My old pump didn't pump, that was its only defect).~~

Lady Frances Balfour has been staying here, but we avoided fiscal reform - I think by tacit consent. She was absent in a discussion of the House of Lords affecting the property of the Scotch churches to be given today & which she has gone up to hear. So we only disagreed about Cromwell & Amiel & some other matters.

Your truly friend,
Robert Chambers