

10.30. p.m.

Rondwell. Jan. 3. 1860.

My dear Papa,

I arrived at Brighton yesterday at 2 o'clock or thereabouts and found them all well at 11.5.

Harris P. was just going up to London and they offered me his room which I of course accepted.

I had a very pleasant evening there and this morning had a long talk with Tom P. about language and he read me out some of his

pamphlet. I saw Mrs Clarke and her daughter Edith there this morning. I left by the 12.10

train and on getting to the Victoria pier at Portsmouth found that the boats could not call there it

was blowing so hard; I got a
cab and went off to the Southern
pier but found that even that
was doubtful, so I got a boat
and went across the harbour
to Gosport, it was very exciting
crossing as it was blowing hard
and we had a large sprit-sail
which looked topheavy, to say
nothing of having to pay double
fare on account of the bad weather,
the passage to Ryde was of
course pretty rough, but not worse
than the last time you crossed.

I arrived here just as they were
sitting down to dinner with
Charles Leacock. They all seem

well and lively. The University
Calendar is here. I got Mamma's
note and also one from uncle
Joe this evening. I am writing
this now, as I know it is
hard to find time to write here
and I have to write to uncle
Jeffrey, Joe and the Seckendorffs
as soon as possible. Please
answer this and tell me what
you wish me to do, - if I am
to visit uncle Joe, when I
ought to be in Dublin, how long
you wish me to stay here &c.
I do not expect to have any
more time to write to you for

a day or two so I want to get
this off at once. I am invited
to dine at the Leacocks next
Thursday with George and Charles.
I must finish now as it
is past eleven.

Francis E. Pendergast.

P.S. Harry P. is to receive the
Victoria Cross at Windsor
tomorrow. The people at
Brighton were Lady P. the three
Doras, Alice & Arthur P.

Tom P. and Harris who I only
saw for a moment
6th your letter came this morning. I
see that the examination is
on the 13th, so I cannot visit
uncle Joe and must leave this the 10th