

6 Blandford Place.

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My dear Mamma,

We arrived this morning as usual 15 minutes behind time and I found the same grey fog or mist up here as at Oxford which lasted more or less the ~~whole~~ whole day.

J.F. came in soon after me and professed to be very sorry on hearing that I had to go, the more so as he is really (if all goes right) going in for the Bridgworth line

and talks of sending down all the
office this week. He told me
to make out an account at the rate
of £100 per an. since I came back
from Wales as there was that
amount due to me. This will
be £ 9. 11. 9 which though
not a very gigantic sum is still
worth having. I really had not
understood that I was working
for pay during this time, but
he explained that he had intended
giving me £ 60 a year till he
got some definite work (such as the
Bridgnorth line) when he would

give £ 100, and now says that
he will always keep a place for
me on his staff, &c all which
pounds very well, but the cash
is the only definite thing I have
seen or heard of this long time.
I can make out nothing about South-
ampton and Bordeaux boats, there
seem to be none, but there are
boats every 10 days from off the
Tower which I shall enquire about
tomorrow. I see 2^d class to
Marseilles is about £ 5. 0. 0
to Bordeaux about £ 4. 0. 0
both from London. Till uncle Joe
specifies some place it will be hard
to decide on any route.

I find I have a lot of books &c
to leave behind. Also a 2nd
hat, is there any use taking this
down to Oxford?

Your affectionate son

Francis G. Prendergast

I sent a Daily Telegraph to you to
day which has advt. of Edinburgh
Review, also notice of Tutor of Queens
Cambridge having been elected to a
scholarship - but is only the formal
proceeding consequent on what he really
got in Spring.