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Monday 17(?) Feb.

Dear Miss Butler,

I have tried to pen a few lines for *Somerville* in my very inelegant and almost illegible handwriting. I hope they'll help. Also they are not stylish or interesting on anything like that. But then, I read chemistry, not language or history!

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely
Rayner Butler

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May I take a few moments from the daily round of difficult tasks to say how much I owe to four years at Sonerville.

The harvest gathered from those years has been rich indeed.

Rich in friendships which range across the world and form a common bond with people in many different countries.

Rich in an enhanced awareness that education is not only transient scholarship from generation to

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generation but that they are the main source
of creative ideas which are both a hope and a
challenge for the future.

And perhaps because I was there in wartime,
with in the knowledge that without freedom life would
have neither dignity nor meaning.

There have been times of corrosive cynicism.
They pass. And the best endure.

One last thought - on isle feeling - I
loved those years, I really did.

Raymond Thelma