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Winchester. House

Swansea.

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My dear Mother

We had a whole holiday

On Saturday instead of a half in honour of the 5 boys who pass the Matric 3 firsts 2 seconds no failures. Half-term holiday on Monday. So Phil is staying from Monday Saturday to Monday. Mrs Lan & Dr Lan & Dr & Mrs Turpin are staying at Porthcawl for a week end's Golf. Oh! I forgot to say that my cold ^{is} well & I have been back at school since Wednesday. Phil's Pater came down Saturday evening & took us to the Empire. There were some awfully clever Japs there a family

I should think Pater mater &
2 boys & a girl I have illustrated
some of their tricks. D^r Elias said
he had seen plenty of contortionist etc
but none ^{nearly} as clever as these. He also
treated us to a box of mixed chocolates
Your last letter for Mrs L. was
forwarded to Porthcawl so I don't know
if your second letter was enclosed
in it. I can't agree to what you
said about the fight episode nor
can the D^r nor Mrs L. for even Ruskin
says that fighting is essential, every
nation who cannot fight goes to the
bad & produces no really ^{great} men or great things
take Switzerland for example & Portugal
& nothing does boys & men more good
than a few minor fair fighting occasionally
not for a big man to come slyly

up behind a small chapel back &
to start & clouting him unawares. Like
Eddershaw did he acknowledged it
was wrong when he apologized to me.
Why we are taught boxing down gym.
And when you said that Masters ought
always to be with the boys that simply
means that every must ^{be} escort home to
dinner by a Master. Fudge!!!
And as for ^{no fighting at} good schools Why at ~~the~~
Harrow the little boys are bullied &
put upon & fighting most dreadfully
Mrs L. has been told so by a friend
who ^{was} nursing an epidemic there once

Life is One Great
Fight.

I have no news to tell you
So ta-tā Give my best love to
every one at home (I haven't seen
any letters from the other elder members
of the family).

Your loving
son
Brian

P.S. Don't think that I mean to be
impertinant in what I have said.
I only meant to give you another
side ~~of~~ the question.
How ~~are~~ Dr. Vener + Geoff.

