

'Spittly

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1906

Tues.

A D 3 / 11 / 31

My Dear Mother

I am scribbling  
 you a line the now as  
 someone is going to  
 the post very soon, & as it  
 is raining it will save my  
 getting wet, altho' probably  
 there will be a letter from  
 you waiting to be brought out,  
 with possibly some 'ooft' in it.  
 I am selling old breeches for  
 12/6. which I think is a very  
 fair price. Bye the way  
 I don't see the necessity of

sending the old Oxford Barge  
10/. As he only helped me  
to get the cushions into the  
canoe 3 times. As he says he  
isn't paid by the College to be  
~~there~~ on the barge on Sundays  
+ if he were not there the  
place would ~~both~~ shut + I  
could not have left the canoe  
etc <sup>but he knows it pays to be there for an hour</sup> <sup>or two</sup> I knew he  
wouldn't be satisfied by anything  
less than 10/- so that's why  
I didn't offer him anything  
at the end of last term.  
He gets so many tips that  
he ought not to notice the  
loss of one. Not that I approve  
of the mean spirit. but I  
approve still less of the caddish  
spirit displayed in that

almost impudent letter, which  
positively demanded 10/- of  
a chap with probably not half  
his coin. Have you got  
a ~~smock~~ smock yet it is  
time you bucked up.  
it will be a pity if I  
can't get a blue one. as it  
would be more effective. I might  
dye an ordinary one.  
I have had my bill for  
rides sent in. £2-3.  
Had a short note from Chapman  
yesterday. nothing much in it.  
There has been an epidemic of  
Cholera at Oxford. He had it  
for 2 or 3 days. while he had a  
friend up for a week-end & had to  
retire to bed. Am looking forward  
to seeing you all in about 3 weeks  
or less. I expect to travel down

on the Friday before Xmas.  
as I shouldn't be able to rush off  
on Thursday after a dance the night  
before. I'm afraid those etchings  
will have to do. There is no time  
to do more. I must buck up & get  
some more prints done. its beastly  
dirty inky work. I fairly hate it.  
The oil painting is becoming a little  
easier I am glad to say, altho  
the stuff I turn out makes me  
feel pretty sick when I see it.  
There are already over 50 applications  
for the 3 vacancies that will  
be caused by the old students  
leaving next term!!

Tata. Please don't get a hot  
water bottle for my bed as soon  
as I come home. I have never had  
~~my shut~~ <sup>my window</sup> get any bedroom shut yet  
excepting once when the rain was coming in.  
It is always wide open & a curtain  
drawn in front which lets in air without  
much light. Touch wood. neither have  
I started pants. much love Brian.