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My dear Lady Paget,

If members of your household
will distinguish themselves, you
must hear congratulations on such
doings. I beg to convey to you
the expression of the united gladness
of this household at what we
read in the Oxford list yesterday,
and I need not add that what is
said to you is said to all at
Harewood Place. The news will
be a delightful harbinger of Christmas
to you all.

By the decided advice of (Sir) Henry
James & Sir John Pury, old friends
of mine, we have placed Reynolds,
before beginning his studies as a
barrister, in a solicitor's office, that
he may get a general idea of law,
& of practical business. James rejoiced
that he had taken this course, Pury
regretted that he had not. So Reynolds
has a seat in Mr Crowdy's office,
& works hard all day. Cecil is
still at Godalming, & by no means
desires to come home until Easter - his
prospects appear to be all we wish. I
know these family details will not
bore you.

I have just got through my 'Huanac'
and I hope to send you an early copy;
Fennell has done a noble double-page
of mock-heroic, one of the finest
bits of drawing that even he has
ever executed.

With our united kindest
regards to Sir James, Miss Pury,
and all, and very wish (a little
d'avance) for a happy Christmas
to you, believe me,

Dear Lady Pury,
Yours most sincerely,
Nisley Brooks

Lady Pury.