

I have finally left London  
have taken a house at Oxford  
and shall be finally settled  
there in the Autumn.

But I hope will remain  
an summer home.

Yours faithfully  
J. A. Froude

(W. Froude) directly after the general  
election 1892.

WOODCOT,  
KINGSBRIDGE,  
SOUTH DEVON.

July 31

My dear Sir Baldwin

Your letter has pleased me down  
to my Gloucester summer retreat. It  
contains a most kind invitation. I  
wish I may hope to avail myself  
one day. Things just at present I  
cannot. I have to begin my  
work at Oxford in October and have  
(as you know) much to do in the  
way of preparation. As soon as I  
am settled down to it etc things  
will perhaps go easier than they seem

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likely to do at a distance - The  
fault was a day, of University  
teaching - in the pretence of common  
achievements - beyond the power of  
students to learn or Professor to  
instruct - with as a result  
very little real knowledge at all -

X The Elections could not have  
been better than they have done  
as I see the matter - with a  
clear majority Gladstone might  
have started taking office. He must  
now wobble and wade - and  
in spite of the fine heavy Peace

with a larger and he might have  
done nothing which is now impossible  
While I think it is for the interests  
of the Country that having willfully  
brought on this crisis the  
responsibility for what has been  
done should be placed upon him.

The continuation of the present  
Government with a weakened majority  
could not have been for the general  
advantage - but the Radicals  
try what they can do after their  
loud big talk - The <sup>soap</sup> bubble will  
soon burst and leave nothing  
but a deep of dirtier water X