

Cold. Remember me most
kindly to her & your sisters -
I have a most happy remembrance
of my visit to you -

In haste, dear Horace

Ever yours

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My dear Horace -

Will you kindly send me
your imitation of Milton (Par:
lost. book I). I have several legal
friends here to whom I wish to
read ^{it} them, as well as to our own
home party. They shall be preserved
& returned if you have no second
copy. I hope you have not forgotten
your promise to visit us when
you are up in the north next
month. I do not know that I

have much news to give you, or
any record of literary invention
on my part.

I have ~~a~~ ^{two} waffles for you, ^{however,} ^{warranted}
fresh.

Why is F. L. R. n like modesty?

A. Because he sits well upon
everybody.

What is the value of a retriever?

A. What it will fetch.

You will be glad to hear that
our school is thriving. We
have seven new boarders, making
a total of five & twenty in the
house. We have done very well

too in the Cambridge middle
class examinations - We sent in
eight, of whom all pass, and
five take honours. The list is
just out.

The weather is almost indecently
brusky, and we are kept
at home mostly. Francis Price
is back again of course and
is in high feather. Have you
got Jimmy Weston's traps?
get? I see Maxon is fool
enough to quote Edmund Gates'
criticism in the Star as an
opinion of the Press.

I hope your mother is better.
When I left, you may remember,
she was laid up with a bad