

to ready to leave home for two
years, at a moment's notice -

So between this Syria, your
Cerypolis, there was perhaps
~~no alternative~~
deliberation.

I have a sister, from Germany,
coming to stay a few weeks with
me, and I shall pay a second
visit to the vicarage.
I dare say -

Yours always

Rev Canon Alfred Cripps.

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Hampstead

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My dear Mr Blunt.

A note from Malcolm
Macmillan received this morning,
enclosed one of yours (I hope, in
no breach of confidence), from
it I learned, not only your
kind wish to see me, but also
your number in Orchard Street,
No. 1 had forgotten. Some weeks
ago I tried to find you at No. 8,
but I need not say that the

servant evinces no knowledge
of you, & accordingly I had to
retire, disappointed. But I
shall now take "leave to amend"
as the lawyers say, and make a
more successful attempt at
Jul. 18. I am going away for
a few days next week, to
Manchester, but after that I
shall be in town, I expect, till
the end of July.

I want to talk over many
things with you - I had the

pleasure of seeing you some weeks
since, and had to thank you, in
the name of my cloth, for presenting
the first Staff-~~and~~ embodiment
of a clergyman, not a caricature,
that I ever remember to have seen.

But I certainly never should have
thought ^{the prospect of} that a fortnight in
Italy would have wrecked the
domestic happiness of the most
retired of the rural clergy. But
the dramatic difficulty is perhaps
insuperable. In "a good couple"
the absurdity was that a man should