

Wednesday evening. 15

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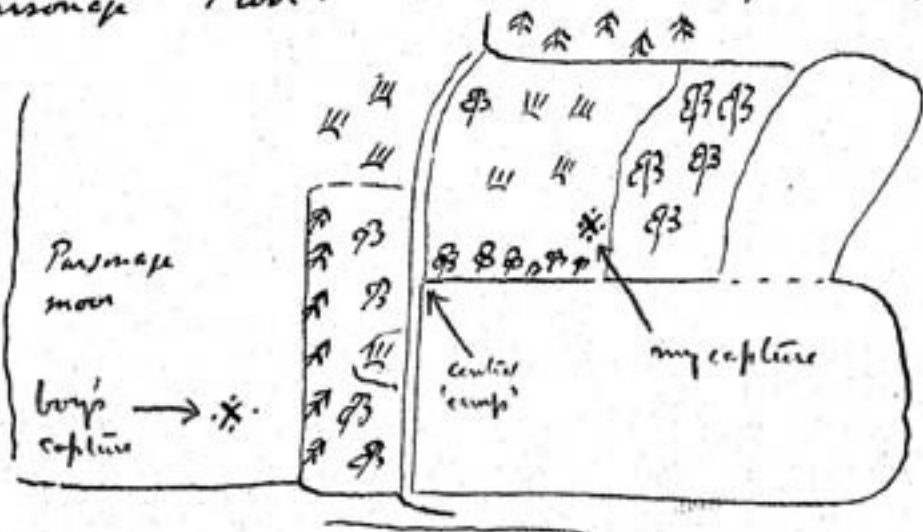
Dear Peter,

Remarkable results! Just before I was
 to start yesterday, there came on a terrific thunder
 storm which continued so long that a visit became
 out of the question. Today when I was there I met
 two quite intelligent boys from Abingdon Grammar
 School who I had met before, and had asked them
 not to take marked dominula. I had also asked
 them to make a careful note of any that they found.
 They were there yesterday and had caught 4, one
 being marked with red on the right fore-wing (=
 July 7ⁱ!). They did not feel certain about the
 distinction between ~~typical~~ typical and variety, so these
 cannot be included in the total for percentage
 of varieties. They can, however, be treated as captured
 but unmarked.

Today (15ⁱ) was sunny and nice
 and there were a lot more dominula about
 than we had seen, mostly flying rather high.

Hortons, managed to catch 31. Of these only 2 were rarities. But 1 was a specimen which he had marked and released on Monday (13th), while one, in excellent condition, was marked in red on the right fore-wing (= July 7th)! So this had been flying 8 days since it was last marked.

There is, I suppose, just a chance that this specimen marked in red on the right fore wing was the very same that the boys had seen. But as they were in such completely different parts of the colony this seems a very slender chance. The specimen today was taken on the far side of the ledge, but quite near to the ledge near the place where one gets through. The specimen the boys caught was on a stray on Parsonage Moor. I mark the two spots roughly *.



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I think you have not a statement of results with you. I enclose one of receipts and one of % of varieties, brought up to date.

The enclosed telegram was sent round this morning. I opened it to see if it was necessary to wire on the contents to you at once (I hope I did right!). But clearly there was no such need.

It was such a great pleasure to have you here and to get your opinion on the locality, to see the work in progress, and to discuss things together. I thought it was so good of you to give up the time to come.

Ever yours,

Henry