

Melis

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Dearest;

your letter arrived last-night - I am sorry that you sh^d have had such a trouble about Conrad - If he had at once written or telegraphed to Mrs Jones, or Mr Shepard it is disappointing to find he has so little idea of the right-thing to do in unusual circumstances especially as I sh^d be quite sure that Lois, w^d do the right-thing - or probably even Bernard - I hope it is all right now, but the time last school days are to be regretted, unless

we spared neither expense
nor trouble to succeed his
losing even one -

We had a tremendous
storm yesterday, the highest
tide known for 12 yrs. the
strong East-Wind behind
a very high tide, the waves
rolled in to the stern wall
of Mathur's place. I see must
admirals the lower steps of
our bathing house, etc
pulled the boats up, I
wounded the fleet, but saw
we had to get some of the
asties to help. & the punt
was brought up to the
berthing house & the boat
in the lane where the
waves ran up two thirds
of the length of the bathing
house - Mrs Belforth's pe-
million had waves washing
over the floor - the Barber

