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Dear Mr Delves,

Thank you for your letter of 10th, and for your gift of the photograph. It is the best one we now have of that view of the dining hall. Indeed it is so good that it is possible to tell that the honours board which hangs on the wall at the far right of the hall is of the senior prefects. By counting the number of (illegible) names just visible, it becomes possible to pin down the year of the photo as 1893/4. The board still hangs in the dining hall, and others have been added for the successive Senior prefects, the total now stretching to four double-columned boards. Your mother's father, C.H. Gibson, did not come until 1895, but John Clark was here in 1892, so it seems that JC would have passed the photo to CH. I am afraid that we cannot identify the person in the photo at the moment, although there are several photos with identified names in them around that time. We certainly can identify JC after a cursory look-through, when he was aged about 14. there may be others, and possibly of CH. Are you interested in having copies of these? We are soon to receive a scanner in the archives, so will be able to process quite easily in a few weeks time.

Thank you for correcting me as regards the "Rev" for CH - a slip on my part.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'DM Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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