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My Dear Brother

When I wrote you on Tuesday I supposed that - as is usually the case after so low a temperature - there would be a sudden rise of the thermometer & that the mean temp. of the day would be above that of Monday, but this was not the case as you will see by my figures below.

As I wrote you, I was out half an hour at one time, while coldest (& more or less through the day) trying in vain to induce my cup of mercury to congeal, owing to the stillness of the air I suffered but little at the time & felt no inconvenience from its effects through the day, but yesterday & this morning my limbs & shoulders ^{had} felt rather older than than usual, ? My finger which I "burnt" with cold iron was red & smarted thro. the day & yesterday has now regained its usual appearance & another days exercise out of doors in a reasonable temperature will "set all to rights" again.

I give you my minutes from Friday morning to this morning to show the gradations of temperature.