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Southampton

17th January 1963

Dear Tom,

Thank you for the parcel - the contents which you listed in your note were all there.

Your GK I on step dancing is a neat copy. I shall send it with the photo copies of playbills which I have ordered, when they arrive. Have I let you have a set of our exam papers for June 1962?

Apostol came back into the library after I wrote to you and I have been able to examine it since then. It now seems more than ever likely that a neat description of differentials, particularly higher order differentials, would come from defining them as the dependent and independent variables of the derivatives as defined by Dieudonné.

Should be glad of Julian Pillings news of Baeup. They probably lifted the mits from Rochdale - but where and when did they acquire their costume?

The playbills are turning up good stuff - I propose to examine the collection in the V+A.

The Colonial Office asked that the people from Tristan da Cunha be not troubled too much, and Cecil Sharp House let it be known that in response to this request, collection of folk song and dance material would be done by officials of the society (Douglas apparently). So Rollo Woods and I - and apparently lots of others - reluctantly abandoned plans to 'do' them. The Colonial Office request was so effective that apart from medical research hardly any investigation has been done ^{and the islanders complained of neglect}. The grapevine would suggest that Douglas has been too busy to visit them, and I have not heard of anyone else going there. I think that I'll go there with Rollo now - and maybe Michael Bell to do the song side.

Have just survived my first afternoon talking to 47 schoolteachers about mathematics - numbers to be precise. In retrospect, it was enjoyable. Whether the rest will be as well remains to be seen.

It is dreadfully cold here and the snow is still very thick in spite of some thawing - but my thermostat is set at 100°C so the cold draughts are kept at bay. Best wishes Frank.
P.S. Got a card from Jean + John, no postmark. Would that be J.Flett?