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21/1/34

Dear Sir

Your letter of 26th Dec. gave me a great deal of pleasure. Perhaps you are right about Mercury. But I meant it as a pure convention. As you say, the world of the Worm is so obviously earth-like (or heaven-like?) that it shd. make the reader dismiss any idea of astronomical accuracy. Probably the mart-let told L. it was Mercury in order to stop his asking too many questions!

Lezningham himself, & the whole Inductari, are perhaps little more than machinery for letting the reader down gently into another world. But personally I have an affection for L. & for his wife (née lady Mary Scarnside), & I am glad I made their acquaintance in this book, if only because they have, after 10 years or so, furnished me with a theme for a new book which I hope will be out before long. I have made a note to send you word of it when the time comes.

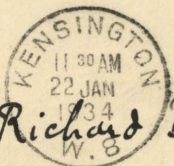
As for Les Barricades, Lezningham, having the secret for overstepping 'mysterious barricades' (as he does in the lotus room), felt, I suppose, a curious appropriateness in the title.

As you may want a signature to stick in the book, I have signed again at the foot of this letter.

Yours very truly,

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