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Dear Paul,

I have a piece of personal news for you, possibly surprising, which has been curbing my activities as Treasurer of the A.C.S. I got married just over a week ago and am now busy writing to acknowledge the fact to all and sundry.

None of these long and perhaps inconclusive engagements for me! We did the whole thing very quietly, telling no-one ~~until~~ except relatives, till afterwards. I kept it even from good friends like the Piers & Brooks, though I shouldn't have done really.

You must come up sometime and meet Madeleine. She is a German

by origin — useful linguistic coverage —
and has a little daughter of seven,
with whom I get on very well. (I
see I should have explained that she was
a widow!). In one fell swoop I
acquire a full marriage state, not only
wife, but daughter & house as well:
actually I have been living in the house
for two years, so I'm used to it.

I soon shan't recognise it though, for
we have thrown ourselves into a
complete transformation, and are up to
our eyes in work. (I'm still hoping to
get sufficiently clear to prepare my paper
at the weekend).

So much for me: now for the
Conference. Your plans seem very good,
but aren't you banking a little too
much on Pevsner's acceptance?

I've looked at Vilar's paper & from what I understood (which isn't much) it doesn't look exactly suitable, though undoubtedly scholarly. I'll show it to Frank today.

If we do include it, it's my paper (also 10p & similar, but more superficial & easy) that should go. Pity we have to have Batista again (nothing against the old boy, but we ought to have a change). If there is ~~any~~ one of the boys who could do something, perhaps he would stand down. I'll let you have Vilar back as soon as possible.

I've been trying to persuade Estreich to come to the Conference, for we could do with one or two more. It would never do to be overwhelmed by Cambridge people!

I like the look of the Sherry parties & approve of the dinner:

with wine, I don't find it expensive.

Must dash.

Get married & find out how much more you can work.

Geoff.

Rosa Casanova & fiancé dropped

in last Sunday; she said (calculatedly) Paul is the only one of the colle who's not named now: ¡ mucho ojo!