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My dear Henderson

Thanks for yours of 22<sup>nd</sup> and the two spinners and the claret dun spinners. The spinner I sent you I have always seen by Hollybrook bay and by the canal and there Brick side. I considered them the spinners of that large yellow - olive coloured - olive that comes out almost if not quite the first of the olives. He is often mistaken for a Mayfly and is quite as large as a small cock Mayfly. I am practically sure I am right.

The hatch of olives that in comparison is a much smaller variety of sooty olive than the first hatch of sooty olive that comes on just as mayfly begins and at which the fish take at so freely in Brick. They take this little chap on the surface better.

I have had a few fish lately old boy, 5 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 lbs and fair number of 4 - 4 1/4 - there has hardly been any fly this year. You would often cross the lake lately and not see one. A fair rise in places, Drumroe towards the house especially. In Ballinfad bay they say not a fly has been seen this season and I have been there once or twice and never seen a thing. Kingston went yesterday, he dapped most of the time. There has been no rising fish. There has

been no rain and any fly there was, went off at once. The lake is extraordinary low. We stick coming into Brick the other evening, throu the gap. This must have killed millions of fly. I mean to try and come here in [indistinguishable]. Is the olive that is on them, do you know it?

Will write again

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