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and if their expenses be more
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and from Mobile here again.
So that \$125 will cover all.
I reckon it would take though
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would like to go to write to our
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say about it and let them
know as soon as possible.

So I thought I would write to
you and let you know all about
it, as I would like to go, if you
have no objection, & think it
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Professor Darby says there could
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