

Monday

28th Sept 03

My dear Frances

It is a long time since I have left you so long without a letter. A thousand & one things have prevented me writing. Since last week I have a pretty bad time of it. I had to go to the D about my ears. I was almost quite deaf on one side & could not hear much with the other. I concluded the trouble was hardening ear & I nearly melted away from syringing them. They got steadily worse until I put myself in the hands of my medical man who said that the trouble resulted from cold & closed throat. After days of treatment I got me right. Then I developed a congested sinus & for 10 days I was taking physic. I am pretty right again now. When a man passes 200

he, as some think - will resign & go in to
private practice. Sturtevant's evidence helps him
perhaps more than anyone else. I sent you
all the papers containing particulars of the
case. Surely we shall see Sterling & Seymour
thick as thorns again after the way
The latter refer to S in his examinations
of other med men. "At the very apex of
his profession" &c &c: reading the press
I am not doubting would conclude
that I got his F.R.S for Medical research.
The Govt are to pay Smith's costs.

After all Sir Griffiths of whom you
are a great admirer is to be C.J. I
think Barton has behaved splendidly & set
a great example for those who come after
him to follow. To become just C.J. of the
Commonwealth must have been a great
temptation yet he had the courage to do the
right (or what you at any rate count the right
thing) thing & take a secondary position.
The vindictive spirit in which you argue &
our Registrar has ~~been~~ referred to his action
is simply disgusting. I am beginning to
have nothing but contempt for the press.

Poor old Kempe appears to be in
a bad way he has had a serious
row with Redman and there is trouble
ahead. I am afraid when all is over
his £6 to £8000 will be considerably
reduced. He does not say what the

nature of the trouble is but the fight
 has begun & I am to have particulars
 later on. Redman is a dangerous
 man for a small man like Kempe
 to tackle. Can is so nearly uncertain.
 Kempe's health is evidently all
 to foot here is a fund from his
 letter "I am weary I feel that I
 want rest - it may be eternal. Some
 d-d thing is the matter with me
 I know not what 'tis something
 inside & I suffer from - not liver -
 not kidneys - not ~~stomach~~ Blessed
 if I can but what it is all I
 know is that it hurts me to ride -
 hurts me all day like a leaden
 weight dragging down inside me
 Sometimes on each side & my back
 in riding feels as though the
 spine were cut in two" I
 am going to show this extract
 to my medical man & ask his
 advice. He desires me to
 give you his kind & warm remembrance

with the hands in your own too liberal
with the cigars & myself and
myself for the welcome that we leaders
of the program under the High
regarding Rays a treatment to be
somewhat negatively about
50 slaggery yards without
the names of the .20 this
is really program
on the other M.S. or Phil & have
in get reached me had you
and post prints to show in 20's
and ~~the~~ the teacher William Staff
I will propose to catch me
and to ~~the~~ the show in a row
for my love to the girls
the Chap's I was enormously
and surprised with her jaw like
the ~~the~~ the out
I hope you have found
love to look up Girl
Confound him

I am glad Dean has the
membership he must be a
fine fellow