Dear Howard,

Many thanks again for your letter - will you please thank Emily also for her epistle which I will try to answer too before long. But tell her that the time which I ought to have spent in replying was taken up in endeavouring to find out its meaning so that she must lay all the blame on...

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herself if she does not hear from me.

I am glad Keil's lecture was a success though it would have been surprising if it had not been so and I am glad too to hear that Mr. Hutchinson is improving I earnestly hope he may continue to do so rapidly.

With regard to what you say about exams. I really think it would be much better as far as real education goes.

if they could be entirely discarded but since this is not practicable it is a choice of the lesser of two evils. I do certainly think that the Oxford (or Cambridge) is less unsatisfactory than the Preceptors the only disadvantage of the latter seems to be that they tell you more exactly how you have done in each particular subject.

But they have very bad marks in exams. have their good points
not help in real education much as they do mentally lead to cramming.

Thank you for your flowers! We have been enjoying the most lovely weather and everything is commencing to bud. Hawthorne trees in many parts are half-out. Almond trees are in full blossom and primroses, daffodils and crocuses of course abound.

Have you anything settled about Easter yet? All I know about myself is that I am going to read hard. This is absolutely necessary if I wish to