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Dear Howard,

Many thanks for your last big & interesting letter: my letters to you are always I fear exactly the reverse I interesting. I am unfortunately obliged to write between 5 & 7 after having been working hard all day & just before going to dinner which is with myself the twice when there is very little left in my head of any description. This evening I am feeling uncomfortable & reason of my face being considerably obliged owing to a general kind of toothache.
It is necessary to put forth considerable energy to keep it from tumbling over on one side. However, an unsymmetrical face has its advantages in the way of calling forth sympathy quick when it is not much wanted.

Yesterday evening, I saw Allie. While away from her, one can scarcely imagine how very it is to let a week or two chip by without seeing each other in the case of two such as Allie and myself. We seem all right except that I am not being able to read hard, which is about the best thing which could happen to him.

We shall probably have breakfast together. Tomorrow morning: Sunday, one usually when there is no special game or hand quiet days which I enjoy much. It may be selfish but it is a relief to have one day in the week to yourself. I intend as far as possible to keep it about from any kind of work throughout my life.

I see mine more clearly now that for most of us our main work will have to be in what is called secular work. We shall have to throw ourselves into the work of trying to do something to alter the condition of the great lower masses in our towns. Have you been reading anything at all of the great amount of writing which has been published lately on the
question. San's letters in the Daily News on "Thermidol London" were quite with
reading & doubtless you will have seen
them. I want to read "the cry of
onboard London" but have not had time
yet. Possibly without realizing
it we may be drifting on to a great
revolution & certainly it will do that we
younger ones no longer to think of these
things & get ready to work for it will
very soon come to be our turn to be leaders.
I should be very glad indeed of
a little more time to read & think
about these things but I am hoping that
this will come in a year or two. Meanwhile
have to be content with getting very partial views
on subjects from odd scraps. We have
been having some most lovely days here
lately - just a slight mist in the
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morning (that is about 8 I can't speak in anything earlier) - then beautiful clear blue sky.

Mr. Fossey, as was with me last week and said the clear atmosphere reminded him more of Paris than anything he had seen since his return to England. Certainly without being at all sentimental it was impossible not to be struck with the beauty of the place in the moonlight.

It has often made me want to sit down and draw but I have purily repaudiom from so doing - now away to cram up chemical formulas which
all occupations is almost the one which I must abandon.

I was very glad to hear from London that I was employed in one thing last week in another. I mean that one thing is the Main Secreter. It has made me determined to read quietly an hour an hour a day as soon as I am not so ill as to make it such a strain as it was this year. Then to settle down next summer again to a hard read at the same subjects again. Now I must close: three of us are about to indulge in what we call a 'swing tea' as Hall gets rather stale after a few weeks. Please remember me to your Father and Mother. To your friend, WH.