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Dear Howard

Many thanks for your  
last long & interesting letter: my  
letters to you are always I fear  
exactly the reverse of interesting: ?  
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  
time when there is very little left in  
my head of any description. This evening  
I am feeling uncomfortable & reason of  
my face being considerably swollen  
owing to a general kind of tooth-ache:

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 just when it is not much wanted.

Jentidey enemis I saw Allie:

people away from here can scarcely imagine how easy it is to let a week or two slip by without seeing each other in the case of two such as Allie myself. It seems all right & complains of not being able to read hard which is about the best thing which could happen to him.

We shall probably have breakfast together

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Tomorrow morning: Sunday eve usually when there is no special span. 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 absent from any kind of work throughout my life. I see mine & am clearly

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 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. Pui's letters in the Daily News on "Horrible London" were quite worth reading & doubtless you will have seen them.

I want to read "the cry of outcast London" but have not had time yet.

Possibly without realizing it we may be drifting on to a great revolution & certainly it will do ~~the~~ we younger ones no harm 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 for anything earlier) + then  
beautiful clear blue sky.

Mr. Longson who was with me last  
week end 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 + draw but I have foolishly  
refrained from so doing + gone away to  
crank up chemical formulae which I

Please remember me  
a few weeks.  
to your Father & Mother.  
Yr friend  
W.S.S.

all occupations is about the one  
which I must abandon.

I was very glad to hear from  
London that I was plunged in one  
thing but not weary in another. I  
conclude that one thing is the Naval

Service. It has made me determined  
to read quietly on about one hour a day at  
it as soon as Thomas is over so as not to  
miss it such a crime 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  
"Smoking Tea" as Hall gets rather stale after