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Dear Howard

I quite forgot
about writing to you yesterday
aft. being at a lecture from
5. 6. & then your note came.

I am very sorry indeed to
hear the sad news about Mr.
Lea. It will indeed be a
blow to poor Frank & I don't
quite know what he will do.
It seems very sudden indeed as
I did not even know that he

was ill : of course you can't
tell how the girls will be left
but I trust there is no danger
of there not being enough to help
them as they would find very
great difficulty in keeping themselves.

As to Saturday I shall
be very glad to see you & wish
it were possible to offer you a
bed but unfortunately I can't do
that as no one is down.
I may not offer you half 1 mine
as I could do if not in college:
but be sure & come & I will meet

you at the skating: as to fares
it makes no difference I think
breaking the journey here or very
little: whether they would call

You come out with a struggle
I hope I don't know but hardly think
they would. I gave Ellie

your & Emily's notes this
morning.

The debate in convocation last
week on vivisection was very
interesting & quite contrary to
expectation we won by a large
majority. of course interest
centered on the question of vivisection

but this question was made far
more prominent than it had
any right to be since the money
was simply voted to build new
physiological schools with: Prof. Baudin
Sanderson neither has nor will have
the licence giving him power to vivisect
before students. He can only do it
for his own private investigations + then
only under anaesthetics. Much opposition
to so-called vivisection arises from people
not understanding the difference between
the English & the continental method: doubtless
Some scientists would not be sorry to adopt
the latter in England but then they can't
+ I hope never will be able to.
Will you please remember me to the meeting
tomorrow night if you are there.
Yours
W.S.S.