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Dear Howard

We have been very  
sorry indeed to hear only yesterday  
that your people have been so bad  
in a general way ~~badly~~ but I  
hope they are all right again:  
some way we had heard nothing  
about it till a note came from  
Polly ~~the~~ saying that they were getting  
better.

I shall get over to Alderley for an

how or so in a day or two  
when Emily is well enough to  
"receive presents".  
Perhaps you may be surprised to  
see I am yet in Manchester but  
I don't intend going up to Oxford  
for a week or two yet - probably  
not till half term. But that I  
am bad in the best only somehow  
I don't feel fit to hard work as a  
very few hours confusion work week-  
we feel fit to nothing. I am  
I am doing a certain amount and  
spending the day indeed at Dorset.

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Marshall & I are doing a little  
together which we may publish if  
only I can get time to believe a  
certain thing which had been seen for  
himself he could have believed at once,  
but it is infinitely more difficult to  
persuade anyone that a certain fact  
is a fact than for the person to  
persuade himself, which is rather  
complicated but perhaps you may  
understand.

I hope your mission has been a  
successful one at Brighton:  
doubtless it will be completed  
before very long.

Mother & Father & I were talking  
about what you were going to do  
last night & Father suggested the  
following plan should nothing else  
turn up, as Father seems to think  
the chances of getting a place rather  
small, might perhaps work.

Arnold Finell who of course you  
know is 'life yourself' on the  
look out & as yet has got nothing:  
he is a fellow of very good  
ability though very quiet & Father  
suggests that you two should go  
together & start as solicitors: at  
all events you would be doing as

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much as in a place in an  
office.

You would not be utterly devoid of  
interest. Father could give you a  
little work + doubtless persuade  
others to do the same. W.

Smith could do this ~~also~~ while  
you. Father might be able to  
give or get you something as  
well.

I don't see why you should  
not have as much chance of  
getting on as Holt or Schou +  
of course, the start will be hard  
wherever you make it.

Father spoke of the idea to  
Mr Sumell a few days ago -  
just suggesting it + of course  
saying that you had not been  
spoken to.

Anyhow would you come to  
Lea here next Tuesday: Sumell  
will be here + you could talk  
over the matter.

I fancy that Conveyancing  
is the chief thing at which Sumell  
has worked.  
If you cant come there would  
you send me word + we would

away some other evening:  
Father is asking Sumell + if he  
cant come there I will let you  
know + will write to A. E.

To W.S.S.