



March 27. 85.

Dear Howard

I was surprised on Tuesday to find myself going through Alderly Edge without stopping as I imagined that that train was a caller & accordingly made preparations to see you there but in vain.

It is hoping too much I fear to hope that you have been

successful before this.

I am hard at work doing nothing principally but pretending to get ready for next term. The beginning is always slow but after a time doubtless I shall make some progress.

After seeing you on Thursday I called at the Maes. I had a good long chat with Mrs. Mac. Ellie seemed

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very poorly indeed: some misguided "friend" had called the day before & stayed with her from 4 to 7 p.m. with most unfortunate results as of course she was perfectly tired out afterwards.

I did not see her as she was up but not down stairs & too tired to see anyone. They are

staidly going to give her a thorough rest & get her off to Scotland as quickly as possible.

I have seen Ellie a good deal today - breakfasting with her: he

is reading hard - very - & is
also in good spirits. I should
fancy his fist is quite safe though
of course he is equally sure of a
fluid.

I hope your mother is getting on
well - please remember me to
her & also to Emily.

V B.