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Dear Howard

Time has gone by
so rapidly that it is already a
fortnight since I was at Alderley.
Since coming up I have been
very busy indeed & have the
prospect of a still busier time coming
in about 3 weeks when term begins.
First of all I am glad to hear from

Lemand that Cecil is at school
which means that things are
all right in that direction for
which I am most thankful.

~~I am sorry not to have had a
letter from you but there
was not much chance even had
she shown a desire for this as all
the younger members are always
very busy about in that time & there
is no such thing as privacy.~~ I say
I saw her for about 10 minutes.

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~~She never will learn any thing in
the way of moderation & will therefore
always handicap herself to a certain
extent: none of them can be particularly
strong.~~

They seem determined
to work harder than he has been
doing.

They make a great mistake
at the grammar school as for ordinary
boys the extra amount of scholarship
examined in is far from compensating
for the total loss of exercise which it
entails: however I believe that at the
present time they are agitating for
a little extra time.

Would you send me as soon as

possible your advice on the following.
I have just had a note from Bland
asking me to give them ~~a~~ a paper at
Charlton Rd. (I suppose the young men's affair)
on "evolution". Under the circumstances
do you think I had better: it would come
off most likely in March or perhaps Jan.
I have not written to the Dr. yet but shall do
when I can settle exactly what to say &
under these circumstances I thought it
would perhaps be rather strange my
reading a paper on this subject which of
course he cannot regard in an exactly favourable
light. I should be glad of your
idea on the subject: Of course stress of work
would be plenty of excuse.
I am glad that your mother is better a little:
it is getting very cold for her.

V^{rs} W.B.S.