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Dear Howard

Your letter & its

enclosed card came early in
the week but it has been such
a long one that I have had no
time for writing.

Life is very long here while
Term lasts almost too much so

if you have anything to do with
teaching & I am getting rather tired
of the term having had a good deal of

extra work of different kinds: it will be a relief when it is done.

However Sunday comes really now as a "day of rest" on which ~~we~~ except on rare occasions I do no work till evening - often very little then.

Did I tell you that during the last few weeks I have heard Drummond lecture two or three times: he has been staying in Oxford & is certainly a man of considerable power with a splendid voice & perfect command over it for speaking

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purposes. His speaking - that

is what he said - was practically exactly what is in his book: the latter will I think satisfy demands from the religious side ~~any~~ more than it will from the scientific though I think it is a good thing he has written it.

I can't quite make out the man himself there is something about him which is rather fascinating but yet you cannot help having a kind of suspicion when he is speaking that his enthusiasm is a little forced. He dresses somewhat carefully & elaborately.

Last Sunday evening I heard the Archbishop
of York preach very sensibly on Stead that is
the most important part of his sermon was on
this subject.

My sympathies are pro-steadian though
seeing of course that he has blundered foolishly,
but in feeling this way I am rather in opposition
to the majority of men here who don't seem
able to distinguish between what Stead &
such a man as Valentine Baker did.

Allie has not been at all well lately
having had neuralgia etc badly.

I shall be glad to see you at Christmas
& trust that you are all keeping well.

Your friend
W.M.S.