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Dear Howard,

Your letter & its enclosed card came early in the week but it has been such a busy one that I have had no time for writing.

Life is very busy 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 - 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, and is
certainly a man of considerable
learning, with a splendid voice -
perfect command over it for speaking
purposes. His speaking - that
is what he said - was practically
exact, what is in his book: the
latter will I think succeed in
satisfy demands from the religious side, any
more than it will from the scientific
side. 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 speaks
somewhat carefully, laboriously.
Last Sunday evening I heard the Archbishop of York preach very serenely on Stedman that is the most important part of his sermon was on this subject.

My sympathies are pro-Stedman though seeing I come that he has flustered foolishly, but in feeling this way I am rather in minority to the majority of men here. Who don't seem able to distinguish between what Stedman and such a man as Valentine Balm did.

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

I shall be glad to see you at Christmas and trust that you are all feeling well.

Yours truly,

W.