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Dear Howard

I have just read  
your note, if it is not  
answered at once it may wait  
for weeks. As to spelling  
kindly forgive overlook all  
inaccuracies - they are numerous  
as spelling never was in my  
line: all that I can do is to  
disregard such embellishments of  
writing. I have been  
having a specially busy week, having  
undertaken in a week amount to

colour } hand 1500 lithographer  
plate } illustration of an article }  
am just publishing. It has  
been a tremendous task - Lillie has  
taken 500 the rest I have done  
myself "after 5 o'clock" literally.  
However a sabbath intervened on  
my behalf & I have this  
moment finished the last.

By good luck together with  
Maudie's goodness I have been  
able to get out an article which is  
attracting some little attention amongst  
Bible girls. It concerns the presence

of an extra eye in regard of the  
top of their heads is of interest  
from an evolution point of view -  
explaining the presence of a vest  
tympanic part of the chain in  
all the higher animals even  
ourselves. Fong our recent

questioner inquiring about on all  
forms with a great eye staring  
straight at the eye above.

In a short time I am to give  
an evening lecture at the Royal  
Institution in town on the subject  
which same is a well be the,  
cause of considerable perturbation  
to my spirit.

As to Alvie - I am very sorry  
indeed: he feels it keenly but  
there is nothing to be done except for  
him to try & redeem himself at  
"great": the money would have been  
a great service to him. I am  
however not at all sure, though please  
don't mention it, whether this is  
not exactly the very best thing for  
him: he wanted something to stir  
him a little & force him into  
hard work & this is exactly what will  
do it. He has taken it thoroughly  
well though bitterly disappointed &  
naturally a little depressed & is  
now hard at work.

The Dr. was up one day last week &  
I am sorry that I was out when he  
called.

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This evening we have had rather  
an interesting common room.

Dale of Birmingham & Fairbairn  
the head of Mansfield Coll. here  
& Dr. Porter the head of Yale  
Coll. in America were all

dining at High Table. In their  
way they are each of them very  
five men & the mixture of  
strong dissenting & strong church, as  
of course our Rector - Menzies - is  
a a good man especially  
classically, was very interesting.  
Unfortunately Dale had to go as

Some as ever dinner was over  
I could not wait for  
common room.

It certainly is in many ways  
most enjoyable being a fellow  
of a college: you get a  
considerable greater chance of seeing  
people to whom, even if you don't  
get to know them much, it is  
always interesting to listen.

Dale always strikes me as being  
a really powerful man: I  
should like to really know him:  
Fairbairn is very philosophically

learned but, I think, a little  
bit too ponderous & scarcely seems  
able to talk in simple language.  
With such men as these I always  
feel almost depressingly ignorant.  
However I must to my work.

Yours in  
W.S.