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Dear Howard,

There is very little news to report of any kind. Nothing is definitely settled about Melbourne as yet. The English Electors have met & chosen 5 out of the rest whose names they have placed in order & sent off to Melbourne - with testimonials - recommending the one placed first for election: it remains to be seen whether the electors out there will take the

English recommends or will come  
Australia out of the E. At present  
the matter is a secret & nothing is  
to be known as to the order. of course  
we guess the E of whom I ask  
me.

Three out of them are already  
professors one in Pinedia (New Zealand)  
another in Sydney & another in Dublin so  
they have a certain amount of choice.

Probably I have told you all this  
before if so quickly forgive the repetition.  
A few days ago I went up to see  
Sir Graham Bony the next general for

Victoria to be "viewed" etc. He  
looked as much as to say who the  
- are you sir when I went into the  
room but restrained his feelings &  
simply enquired my age.  
Certainly I shall be extremely lucky if  
it falls to my lot.

If it } any chance does so. It means  
being named & going out at once  
which is not exactly what I should  
choose but it all depends is rather  
his or nothing so far as I can see +  
for several reasons I am anxious to  
get away from here.

We are not saying anything about  
it yet as all is so uncertain. Of  
course I have no right to think of

shall get the post any more than any  
other of the 5 + really as far as  
age & claims go considerably less than the  
others. I don't think we shall  
know till the middle of January.

I hope Dixie made my apologies to  
Marion for not seeing her in  
Oxford, but it was impossible being  
one of my demonstrating days when  
my class is on morning + aft. Dixie  
has got my nice rooms having been especially  
fortunate in this respect: he was with  
me yesterday at lunch & seems to be  
getting on very well. He means  
work + will I fancy make a place

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for himself for he is not devoid  
of power. I think amongst the

things that go for power are wisely  
proportionate to each other.

However the great danger of a grammar  
school boy is that he is worked up to  
a certain point in pure scholarship  
but beyond that fails utterly.

At the same time I would give  
much now to have had a real  
classical training: it would be of  
great value & I feel the want of  
it more & more.

In perhaps 10 days I shall be in

Manchester will see you somewhere  
about Hous Time: if we go out  
it will be a busy winter but anyway  
I will get a walk in the park.

V W.S.

Dear Mr. C

I have been a bit of a nuisance if  
it helps just a little. I am  
feeling very much better with  
rather less of the  
cough. I expect to be out  
of the hospital in a few days  
I should be most  
grateful if you could  
write me again.

Best day to  
my Mrs. C. I don't know what to  
have a good night to and  
I shall be  
I hope all day  
I am  
I am  
I am