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My dearest Arthur

Best thanks for your kind letter. I am  
sorry to say I have not done with giving you trouble  
(your great kindness brings it upon yourself) -  
but for both our sakes I'll consult brevity -  
Ergo. -

1. Unexpectedly - we have had an invitation  
to the British Ass - i.e. to a friend's house  
at Henbury near Bristol, whence, post-stre,  
I may attend some Thursday & Friday days  
(having to come back Saturday) Now is there  
any hope of the great pleasure de vous ren-  
contrer là? - If so please give me your  
Bristol address - as it may save time.

2. Can you kindly tell me of any one else  
I might like to meet, or who may do me the  
honour of liking to meet me? Will Tufman  
be there? or Lord Lindsay? or the Editor of  
Athenaeum? (whose name I forget. Is it Mac  
Coll? It might be worth while to hunt him <sup>up</sup>