

Handwick Parsonage
April 30.
1864

My dear Arthur

Though we wrote to
you yesterday, I cannot
help writing a few lines
to you to-day to say how
very sorry we are to hear
that you have suffered
so much with your teeth
& still more sorry to hear
that your happy visit to
London, ~~but~~ it seems to
have been marred by
a trouble which makes

was sad to think of, but I
trust it is not any thing
serious dear Arthur, &
that you will be more
cheerful in your next
letter. It seems to me
that all the world is
in sorrow just now
for the many letters
I have lately received
from friends, are full
of something sad -
Well! all things are
in the hands of Him
who doeth all things well

is it not an unspeakable
comfort to feel this,
such a truth as it is.

Come here in the summer

My dear young friend

if you love us, & if you

do not love us, I shall

quite understand your

keeping away from us!

There is a nice little

riddle to be solved.

I really do believe if you

knew how fond we

are of you, you would

come & see us, but I seem

unable to instill this fact

^{into} you. I am as ever

Y^r very affectionate old friend

A. M. Webb, Jr. C.

My dear young friend,

I wish with all my heart I could say anything that would comfort you in your trouble - but as I have no idea respecting its nature I can do but - in general - remind you of the source of comfort - but to you it is quite needless to say this: - and I am happy that it is. -

I am very much obliged to you indeed for your kindness about my poor parishioners - & must by you, then you have an opportunity, to express to Mr. Bompers my very grateful acknowledgements on their part to my own. There, you have at any rate been doing good. -

I sincerely hope that my nonsensical badinage which must have seemed sadly unreasonable to you, ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{nothing} in it especially unpleasant in connection with your own discomfort. -

Do you know you never answer a letter, & I have a great mind to say I won't write to you unless you need. This time I hope you really will mind what's said to you. - If you have not time or mind to write this week, we shall be all next week at Mrs. Tudor's Kelson Knoll near Bath. -

Has it occurred to you to compare the temper of the times with Bonars XIII. 1-7? - I fear the demonstrable consequence is not always drawn at Cambridge - tho' it is binding at any rate upon one who is - at least as much as you know. Yours very specially affectionate J. W. Webb