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My dear Henry,

What a perfectly wretched time you must have been having! I believe there is nothing in the world more painful than a tooth can be, especially if it has life enough to repent its misfortunes. I'm so sorry you've had such a wretched experience but hope you are by now well clear of it.

I have at last had a line from Mother with the good news that Lawrence, though reluctant at first, is now quite well disposed to the suggestion that he should become Secretary. I imagine that a line

from you would be in place now, as it would also be to ask ~~to ask~~ support for the proposal from any members of the Committee, the assumption being that his name will certainly be put forward as a strong candidate.

Yours sincerely,