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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 resent 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 least 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 for 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,