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My dear Dr. Howard

Yours of the 11th came most accept-
 ably to hand by the last mail. As you may imag-
 ine I was not a little disappointed ^{at the} ~~about~~ blighting
 of my ^{prospects} ~~practising~~ as an ophthalmic surgeon, but I accept
 the unavoidable with a good grace, I spoke to Morgan
 yesterday and he tells me, ^{as follows} that he purposes going
 out early in the spring stopping till August, ^{when he has to return in business} ~~then~~
^{& then going back of this.} ~~to~~ the place suitable. He is a very ^{practical} thorough man
 & one of great experience ^{as much as that} and there is no surgeon con-
 sidered with Monfield, who ^{does not begin with debating} ~~stands himself above~~ ^{as they}
 to his opinion. He might be younger & in better health
 but it is difficult to procure an article absolutely perfect
 I now have to look forward to a general practice & I confess
 to you it is not with the greatest amount of pleasure
 I had hoped in an ophthalmic practice to have a
 considerable amount of time at my disposal, and
 a fair return in a shorter time, but in a general
 practice ^{which will be much closer to obtaining} (if I become of any size) what over time you may
 have is always liable to be ^{broken in upon} ~~interfered with~~. Now Practice
 at Physiology ^{& considering the} ~~even~~ setting aside anything like medical
 work - the teaching, requires much time and will not
 be done properly, some outlay on the part of the College
 or myself. The upshot of all this is, that I want some

